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בְּרֵאשִׁית

GENESIS

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was waste and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it *was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so. And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and

God saw that it *was* good. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after its kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after its kind: and God saw that it *was* good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he* made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it *was* good. And there was evening and there *was* morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of the heaven.

²¹And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after its kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

²²And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after its kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after its kind: and it was so. ²⁵And God made the beast of the earth after its kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after its kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ²⁷So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

²⁸And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the

earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

²⁹And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there* is life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so.

³¹And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. ³And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

⁴These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵And no plant of the field was yet on the earth, and no herb of the field had yet grown: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and

there was not a man to till the ground. ⁶But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. ⁷And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. ¹¹The name of the first is Pishon: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ¹²And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. ¹³And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

¹⁵And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to till it and to keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: ¹⁷But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou

eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

¹⁸And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him. ¹⁹And out of the ground the Lord formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. ²⁰And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a help meet for him. ²¹And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; ²²And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. ²³And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. ²⁴Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

²⁵And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

3 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? ²And the woman said

unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: ³But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. ⁴And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ⁵For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. ⁶And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. ⁷And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. ⁸And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. ⁹And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou? ¹⁰And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself. ¹¹And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? ¹²And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

¹³And the Lord God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. ¹⁴And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: ¹⁵And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. ¹⁶Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. ¹⁷And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it; cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; ¹⁸Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee, and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; ¹⁹In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

²⁰And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

²¹Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

²²And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: ²³Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. ²⁴So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden the Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

¶ And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. ²And she again bore his brother Abel.

And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. ⁴And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: ⁵But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? ⁷Behold, if thou doest well, thou wilt be accepted; and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door, and unto thee is its desire, but thou must rule over it.

¶ And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass,

when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

⁹And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: *Am I my brother's keeper?* ¹⁰And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. ¹¹And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand: ¹²When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. ¹³And Cain said unto the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me. ¹⁵And the Lord said unto him, therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

¹⁶And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. ¹⁷And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bore Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch. ¹⁸And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begot Mehujael: and Mehu-

jael begot Methusael: and Methusael begot Lemech.

¹⁹And Lemech took unto him two wives: the name of the one *was* Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. ²⁰And Adah bore Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and *of such as have* cattle. ²¹And his brother's name *was* Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ. ²²And Zillah, she also bore Tubal-cain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain *was* Naamah.

²³And Lemech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lemech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. ²⁴If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lemech seventy and sevenfold.

²⁵And Adam knew his wife again: and she bore a son, and called his name Seth; For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. ²⁶And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enosh: then began men to call upon the name of the Lord.

5 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; ²Male and female created he them: and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

³And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: ⁴And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begot sons and daughters: ⁵And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died. ⁶And Seth lived a hundred and five years, and begot Enosh: ⁷And Seth lived after he begot Enosh eight hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters: ⁸And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

⁹And Enosh lived ninety years, and begot Kenan: ¹⁰And Enosh lived after he begot Kenan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begot sons and daughters: ¹¹And all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

¹²And Kenan lived seventy years and begot Mahalalel: ¹³And Kenan lived after he begot Mahalalel eight hundred and forty years, and begot sons and daughters: ¹⁴And all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years; and he died.

¹⁵And Mahalalel lived sixty and five years and begot Jared: ¹⁶And Mahalalel lived after he begot Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters: ¹⁷And all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

¹⁸And Jared lived a hundred sixty and two years, and he begot Enoch: ¹⁹And Jared lived after he begot Enoch eight hundred years, and begot sons and daughters: ²⁰And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

²¹And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begot Methuselah: ²²And Enoch walked with God after he begot Methuselah three hundred years, and begot sons and daughters: ²³And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: ²⁴And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him. ²⁵And Methuselah lived a hundred eighty and seven years, and begot Lemech: ²⁶And Methuselah lived after he begot Lemech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begot sons and daughters: ²⁷And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

²⁸And Lemech lived a hundred eighty and two years, and begot a son: ²⁹And he called his name Noah, saying, This *same* shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord hath cursed. ³⁰And Lemech lived after he begot Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begot sons and daughters: ³¹And all the days of Lemech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died. ³²And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begot Shem, Ham and Japheth.

6 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, ²That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them for wives of all whom they chose. ³And the Lord said, My spirit shall not strive with man for ever, for that he is but flesh, and his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.

⁴There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to them, the same became mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

⁵And God saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. ⁶And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. ⁷And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth: both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. ⁸But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

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⁹These *are* the generations of Noah; Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah begot three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹The earth

also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. ¹³And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. ¹⁵And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. ¹⁶A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. ¹⁷And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. ¹⁸But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. ¹⁹And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. ²⁰Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of

the earth after its kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. ²¹And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

²²Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

7 And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. ²Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. ³Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. ⁴For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

⁵And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him. ⁶And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

⁷And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. ⁸Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, ⁹There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as

God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. ¹²And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; ¹⁴They, and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after its kind, and every fowl after its kind, every bird of every sort. ¹⁵And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. ¹⁶And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in.

¹⁷And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth. ¹⁸And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. ¹⁹And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. ²⁰Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and

the mountains were covered. ²¹And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: ²²All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. ²³And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. ²⁴And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days.

8 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged; ²The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; ³And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. ⁴And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. ⁵And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

⁶And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he

had made: ⁷And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. ⁸Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; ⁹But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and brought her in unto him into the ark. ¹⁰And he stayed yet other seven days: and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; ¹¹And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. ¹²And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

¹³And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. ¹⁴And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

¹⁵And God spoke unto Noah, saying, ¹⁶Go forth from the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. ¹⁷Bring forth with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of

cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

¹⁸And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: ¹⁹Every beast every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and whatsoever* creepeth upon the earth, after their kind, went forth out of the ark.

²⁰And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt-offering on the altar. ²¹And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. ²²While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

G And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. ²And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. ³Every moving thing that liveth shall be food for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. ⁴But flesh

with the life thereof, *which is* the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. ⁶And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. ⁷Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God made he man. ⁸And you, be fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

⁹And God spoke unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, ¹⁰And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; ¹¹And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. ¹²And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. ¹³And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: ¹⁴I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁵And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: ¹⁶And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every

living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁷And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. ¹⁸And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

¹⁹And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. ²⁰These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

²¹And Noah began to be a husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: ²²And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. ²³And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. ²⁴And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. ²⁵And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. ²⁶And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. ²⁷And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. ²⁸God

shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

²⁸And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. ²⁹And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

10 Now these *are* the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood. ²The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. ³And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. ⁴And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. ⁵By these were the isles of the nations divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

⁶And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan. ⁷And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtechah: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan. ⁸And Cush begot Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. ⁹He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod a mighty hunter before the Lord. ¹⁰And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ¹¹Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city of Rehoboth, and Calah, ¹²And Resen between Nine-

veh and Calah: the same *is* great city. ¹³And Mizraim begot Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, ¹⁴And Patlurim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) and Caphtorim.

¹⁵And Canaan begot Sidon his first-born, and Heth, ¹⁶And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, ¹⁷And the Hivite and the Arkite, and the Sinite. ¹⁸And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad. ¹⁹And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza: as thou goest unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim even unto Lasha. ²⁰These *are* the sons of Ham, after their families after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

²¹Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, even to him were *children* born. ²²The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram. ²³And the children of Aram; Uz and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. ²⁴And Arpachshad begot Shelah and Shelah begot Eber. ²⁵And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one *was* Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided: and his brother's name *was* Joktan. ²⁶And Joktan begot Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah. ²⁷And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, ²⁸And Obal, and

Abimael, and Sheba, ²⁹And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan. ³⁰And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar, a mount of the east. ³¹These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

³²These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

11 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. ²And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. ³And they said one to another, Go to, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. ⁴And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. ⁵And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. ⁶And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. ⁷Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. ⁸So the Lord scattered them abroad

from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. ⁹Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

¹⁰These are the generations of Shem: Shem was a hundred years old, and begot Arpachshad two years after the flood: ¹¹And Shem lived after he begot Arpachshad five hundred years, and begot sons and daughters. ¹²And Arpachshad lived five and thirty years, and begot Shelah: ¹³And Arpachshad lived after he begot Shelah four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters. ¹⁴And Shelah lived thirty years, and begot Eber: ¹⁵And Shelah lived after he begot Eber four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters. ¹⁶And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begot Peleg: ¹⁷And Eber lived after he begot Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters. ¹⁸And Peleg lived thirty years, and begot Reu: ¹⁹And Peleg lived after he begot Reu two hundred and nine years, and begot sons and daughters. ²⁰And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begot Serug: ²¹And Reu lived after he begot Serug two hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters. ²²And Serug lived thirty years, and begot Nahor: ²³And Serug lived after he begot Nahor

two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters. ²⁴And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begot Terah: ²⁵And Nahor lived after he begot Terah a hundred and nineteen years, and begot sons and daughters. ²⁶And Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

²⁷Now these *are* the generations of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begot Lot. ²⁸And Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees. ²⁹And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife *was* Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Ischah. ³⁰But Sarai was barren; she *had* no child. ³¹And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

³²And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

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12 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: ²And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt

be a blessing: ³And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in the shall all families of the earth be blessed. ⁴So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him: and Lot went with him: and Abram *was* seventy and five year old when he departed out of Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

⁶And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Shechem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite *was* then in the land. ⁷And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him. ⁸And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, *having* Beth-el on the west, and Ai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

¹⁰And there *was* a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine *was* grievous in the land. ¹¹And it came to pass, when he *was* come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that

thou *art* a fair woman to look upon: ¹²Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This *is* his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive. ¹³Say, I pray thee, thou *art* my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.

¹⁴And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she *was* very fair. ¹⁵The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. ¹⁶And he treated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he-asses, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and she-asses, and camels. ¹⁷And the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife. ¹⁸And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What *is* this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she *was* thy wife? ¹⁹Why saidst thou, She *is* my sister? so that I took her to be my wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take *her*, and go thy way. ²⁰And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

13 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. ²And Abram *was* very rich in cattle, in silver, and

in gold. ³And he went on his journeys from the south even to Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Ai; ⁴Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first; and there Abram called on the name of the Lord.

⁵And Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. ⁶And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. ⁷And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle; and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. ⁸And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we *be* brethren. ⁹*Is* not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I will go to the right: or if *thou depart* to the right hand, then I will go to the left. ¹⁰And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it *was* well watered every where, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, *even* as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. ¹¹Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. ¹²Abram dwelled in the

land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched *his* tent toward Sodom. ¹³But the men of Sodom *were* wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly.

¹⁴And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: ¹⁵For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. ¹⁶And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth; so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered. ¹⁷Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. ¹⁸Then Abram removed *his* tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord.

14 And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim; ²*That these* made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zebaiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar. ³All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the Salt Sea. ⁴Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. ⁵And in the fourteenth

year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that *were* with him, and smote the Rephaim in Ashtoreth karnaim and the Zuzim in Ham and the Emim in Shaveh-kiriat-haim. ⁶And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto El-paran, which is by the wilderness. ⁷And they returned, and came to En-mishpat which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites and also the Amorites, that dwell in Hazezon-tamar. ⁸And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zebaiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim; ⁹With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of Goiim, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five. ¹⁰And the vale of Siddim *was full* of slime pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain. ¹¹And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way. ¹²And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

¹³And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these *were* confederate with Abram. ¹⁴And when Abram heard that his brother was taken cap-

tive, he armed his trained *servants*, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued *them* unto Dar. ¹⁵And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. ¹⁶And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

¹⁷And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlamer, and of the kings that *were* with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the King's Dale. ¹⁸And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he *was* the priest of the most high God. ¹⁹And he blessed him, and said, Blessed *be* Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: ²⁰And blessed *be* the most high God, who hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. ²¹And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself. ²²And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, ²³That I will not *take* from a thread even to a shoe-latchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich: ²⁴Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of

the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

15 After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, thy reward shall be exceedingly great. ²And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? ³And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. ⁴And, behold, the word of the Lord *came* unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. ⁵And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. ⁶And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness. ⁷And he said unto him, I *am* the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. ⁸And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? ⁹And he said unto him, Take me a heifer of three years old, and a she-goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon. ¹⁰And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not. ¹¹And

when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, a horror of great darkness fell upon him. ¹³And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is not theirs* and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; ¹⁴And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. ¹⁵And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. ¹⁶But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again; for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. ¹⁷And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning flame that passed between those pieces. ¹⁸In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: ¹⁹The Kenite, and the Kenizzite, and the Kadmonite, ²⁰And the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Rephaim, ²¹And the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Girgashite, and the Jebusite.

16 Now Sarai Abram's wife bore him no children: and she had a handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar. ²And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in

unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. ³And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

⁴And he went in unto Hagar and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. ⁵And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong *be* upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the Lord judge between me and thee. ⁶But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

⁷And the angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. ⁸And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai. ⁹And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. ¹⁰And the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. ¹¹And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael;

because the Lord hath heard thy affliction. ¹²And he will be a wild man; his hand *will* be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

¹³And she called the name of the Lord that spoke unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me? ¹⁴Wherefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.

¹⁵And Hagar bore Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

¹⁶And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

17 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, *I am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. ²And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. ³And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, ⁴As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. ⁵Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abranah; for a father of many nations have I made thee. ⁶And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be

a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. ⁸And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

⁹And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant, therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

¹⁰This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. ¹²And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, that is not of thy seed. ¹³He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴And the uncircumcised male whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

¹⁵And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah. *shall her name be.* ¹⁶And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be of her.

¹⁷Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a *child* be born unto him that is a hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? ¹⁸And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! ¹⁹And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. ²⁰And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. ²¹But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

²²And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

²³And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him. ²⁴And Abraham *was* ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁵And Ishmael his son *was* thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁶In the selfsame day *was* Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael

his son. ²⁷And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him

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18 And the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; ²And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, ³And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: ⁴Let a little water, pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: ⁵And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes. ⁷And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto a young man; and he hastened to dress it. ⁸And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them: and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

⁹And they said unto him, Where *is* Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. ¹⁰And he said,

I will certainly return unto thee at this time next year; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which *was* behind him.

¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah *were* old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? ¹³And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child who am old? ¹⁴Is any thing too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, about this living time, and Sarah shall have a son. ¹⁵Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

¹⁶And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. ¹⁷And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; ¹⁸Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. ²⁰And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and

Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; ²¹I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. ²²And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the Lord. ²³And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city; wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that *are* therein? ²⁵That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? ²⁶And the Lord said, if I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake. ²⁷And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, who *am* but dust and ashes: ²⁸Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for *lack* of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it. ²⁹And he spoke unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake. ³⁰And he said *unto him*, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure

there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there. ³¹And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. ³²And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

³³And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

19 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing *them* rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; ²And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your way. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. ³And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

⁴But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: ⁵And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men

who came in to thee this night bring them out unto us, that we may know them. ⁶And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, ⁷And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. ⁸Behold now, I have two daughters who have never been known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. ⁹And they said, Stand back. And they said *again*, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than wilt thou deal with them. And they pressed so upon the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door. ¹⁰But the men put forth their hands and pulled Lot into the house, and shut the door. ¹¹And they smote the men that were without the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door. ¹²And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any sons-in-law? son-in-law, and thy sons and thy daughters, and whomever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place: ¹³For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and we the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.

¹⁴And Lot went out, and spoke unto his sons-in-law, who married his daughters, and said, U

rel you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons-in-law.

¹⁵And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, that are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. ¹⁶And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. ¹⁷And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. ¹⁸And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord: ¹⁹Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewn unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil overtake me, and I die: ²⁰Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live. ²¹And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, of which thou hast spoken. ²²Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither.

er. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

²³The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar. ²⁴Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven. ²⁵And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

²⁶But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

²⁷And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the Lord: ²⁸And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

²⁹And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot dwelt.

³⁰And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. ³¹And the first-born said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: ³²Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may pre-

serve seed of our father. ³³And they made their father drink wine that night: and the first-born went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. ³⁴And it came to pass on the morrow, that the first-born said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, *and* lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. ³⁵And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him: and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

³⁶Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. ³⁷And the first-born bore a son, and called his name Moab: the same *is* the father of the Moabites unto this day. ³⁸And the younger, she also bore a son, and called his name Ben-ammi: the same *is* the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

20 And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the land of the south, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

²And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She *is* my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. ³But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou *art* but a dead man, for the woman whom thou hast taken; for she *is* a man's wife. ⁴But Abimelech

had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also righteous nation? ⁵Said he no unto me, She *is* my sister? and she, even she herself said, He *is* my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this. ⁶And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore sufferest thou I thee not to touch her. ⁷Now therefore restore the man *his* wife; for he *is* a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore *her* not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that *are* thine.

⁸Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid. ⁹Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin: thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done. ¹⁰And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou has done this thing?

¹¹And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God *is* not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake. ¹²And yet indeed *she is* my sister; she *is* the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother: and she became my wife. ¹³And I

came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.

¹⁴And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and men-servants, and women-servants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife. ¹⁵And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee. ¹⁶And unto Sarah he said, Behold I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold it is for thee a covering of the eyes, to all that are with thee; and before all thou art righted.

¹⁷So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maid-servants; and they bore children. ¹⁸For the Lord had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.

21 And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

²For Sarah conceived, and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. ³And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵And Abraham was a hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

⁶And Sarah said, God hath

made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me. ⁷And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have borne him a son in his old age.

⁸And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.

⁹And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne unto Abraham, playing. ¹⁰Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.

¹¹And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son. ¹²And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. ¹³And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed.

¹⁴And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. ¹⁶And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she

said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against *him*, and lifted up her voice, and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. ¹⁸Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.

¹⁹And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

²⁰And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

²¹And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

²²And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spoke unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest: ²³Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: *but* according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned. ²⁴And Abraham said, I will swear. ²⁵And Abraham reproveth Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away. ²⁶And Abimelech said, I know not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou

tell me, neither yet heard I *of it*, but to-day. ²⁷And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant. ²⁸And Abraham set seven ewe-lambs of the flock by themselves. ²⁹And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What *mean* these seven ewe-lambs which thou hast set by themselves? ³⁰And he said, For *these* seven ewe-lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well. ³¹Wherefore he called that place Beer-sheba; because there they swore both of them.

³²Thus they made a covenant at Beer-sheba; then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines. ³³And Abraham planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the Lord, the everlasting God.

³⁴And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.

22 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, *here I am*. ²And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

³And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son,

and cleaved the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

"Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. "And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

"And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. "And Isaac spoke unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering? "And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering: so they went both of them together.

"And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. "And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

"And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here *am* I. "And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only

son from me.

"And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son. "And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.

"And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, "And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: "That I will greatly bless thee, and I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

"So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

"And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she hath also borne children unto thy brother Nahor; "Uz his first-born, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram, "And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel. "And Bethuel begot Rebekah: these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor,

Abraham's brother. ²⁴And his concubine, whose name *was* Reumah, she bore also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.

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23 And Sarah was a hundred and seven and twenty years old: *these were* the years of the life of Sarah. ²And Sarah died in Kirjath-arba; the same *is* Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

³And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spoke unto the sons of Heth, saying, *4**I am* a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight. ⁵And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him, *6**Hear us, my lord: thou art* a mighty prince among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.

⁷And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, *even* to the children of Heth. ⁸And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and entreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar, ⁹That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which *is* in the end of his field; for as much money as it is worth he shall give it me for a posses-

sion of a burying-place amongst you. ¹⁰And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the children of Heth, *even* of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying, ¹¹Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that *is* therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead.

¹²And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land. ¹³And he spoke unto Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, But if thou wouldst, hear me: I will give the money for the field; take *it* of me, and I will bury my dead there.

¹⁴And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him, ¹⁵My lord, hearken unto me: the land *is* worth four hundred shekels of silver: what *is* that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.

¹⁶And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current *money* with the merchant. ¹⁷And the field of Ephron, which *was* in Machpelah, which *was* before Mamre, the field, and the cave which *was* therein, and all the trees that *were* in the field, that *were* in all the borders round about, were made sure ¹⁸Unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that

went in at the gate of his city. ¹⁹And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan. ²⁰And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a burying-place by the sons of Heth.

24 And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. ²And Abraham said unto the eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: ³And I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: ⁴But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

⁵And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? ⁶And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again. ⁷The Lord God of heaven, who took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke unto me, and that swore unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence. ⁸And if the

woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again.

⁹And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning that matter.

¹⁰And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor. ¹¹And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water. ¹²And he said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. ¹³Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: ¹⁴And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewn kindness unto my master.

¹⁵And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon

her shoulder. ¹⁶And the damsel *was* very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. ¹⁷And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. ¹⁸And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. ¹⁹And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw *water* for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. ²⁰And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw *water*, and drew for all his camels. ²¹And the man wondering at her held his peace, to know whether the Lord had made his journey prosperous or not. ²²And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden nose-ring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten *shekels* weight of gold; ²³And said, Whose daughter *art* thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room *in* thy father's house for us to lodge in? ²⁴And she said unto him, I *am* the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore unto Nahor. ²⁵She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in. ²⁶And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the Lord. ²⁷And he said, Blessed *be* the Lord God of my master Abraham, who hath not

left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I *being* in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren.

²⁸And the damsel ran, and told *them* of her mother's house these things.

²⁹And Rebekah had a brother, and his name *was* Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well. ³⁰And it came to pass, when he saw the nose-ring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spoke the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well.

³¹And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the Lord; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.

³²And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that *were* with him. ³³And there was set food before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on. ³⁴And he said, I *am* Abraham's servant. ³⁵And the Lord hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and camels, and asses. ³⁶And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all

that he hath. ³⁷And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell: ³⁸But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son. ³⁹And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me. ⁴⁰And he said unto me, The Lord, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house: ⁴¹Then shalt thou be clear from *this* my oath when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee *one*, thou shalt be clear from my oath. ⁴²And I came this day unto the well, and said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go: ⁴³Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw *water*, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink; ⁴⁴And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: *let* the same be the woman whom the Lord had appointed for my master's son. ⁴⁵And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew *water*; and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee. ⁴⁶And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from

her *shoulder*, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also. ⁴⁷And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter *art* thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore unto him: and I put the ring upon her nose, and the bracelets upon her hands. ⁴⁸And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son. ⁴⁹And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

⁵⁰Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the Lord: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. ⁵¹Behold Rebekah *is* before thee, take *her*, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the Lord hath spoken.

⁵²And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the earth unto the Lord. ⁵³And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave *them* to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things. ⁵⁴And they did eat and drink, he and the men that *were* with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master.

⁵⁵And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a *few* days, at the least ten; after that she shall go. ⁵⁶And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the Lord hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master. ⁵⁷And they said, We will call the damsel, and inquire at her mouth. ⁵⁸And they called Rebekah and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

⁵⁹And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. ⁶⁰And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou *art* our sister, be thou *the mother* of thousands of myriads, and let thy seed possess the gate of those who hate them. ⁶¹And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

⁶²And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the south country. ⁶³And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels *were* coming. ⁶⁴And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. ⁶⁵And she said unto the servant, What man *is* this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant said, It *is* my master: and she took the veil, and covered herself.

⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. ⁶⁷And

Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's *death*.

25 Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name *was* Keturah. ²And she bore him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. ³And Jokshan begot Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim. ⁴And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Ephher, and Hanoah, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these *were* the children of Keturah.

⁵And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac. ⁶But unto the sons of the concubines, that Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.

⁷And these *are* the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, a hundred and seventy and five. ⁸Then Abraham expired and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of *years*; and was gathered to his people. ⁹And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which *is* before Mamre; ¹⁰The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.

¹¹And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac

dwelt by the well Lahai-roi.

¹²Now these *are* the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid bore unto Abraham: ¹³And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names according to their generations: the first-born of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, ¹⁴And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, ¹⁵Hadad, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedar: ¹⁶These *are* the sons of Ishmael, and these *are* their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations. ¹⁷And these *are* the years of the life of Ishmael, a hundred and thirty and seven years: and he expired, and died; and was gathered unto his people. ¹⁸And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that *is* before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: *and* he died in the presence of all his brethren.

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¹⁹And these *are* the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begot Isaac: ²⁰And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. ²¹And Isaac entreated the Lord for his wife, because she *was* barren: and the Lord *was* entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ²²And the children struggled together with-

in her; and she said, If *it be so*, why *am* I thus? And she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³And the Lord said unto her, Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and *the one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

²⁴And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, *there were* twins in her womb. ²⁵And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. ²⁶And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac *was* threescore years old when she bore them.

²⁷And the boys grew: and Esau *was* a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob *was* a plain man, dwelling in tents. ²⁸And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of *his* venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he *was* faint: ³⁰And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I *am* faint: therefore *was* his name called Edom. ³¹And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. ³²And Esau said, Behold, I *am* at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? ³³And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau

bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

26 And there was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. ²And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: ³Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father; ⁴And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; ⁵Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

⁶And Isaac dwelt in Gerar: ⁷And the men of the place asked *him* of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, *She is my wife*; lest, *said he*, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she *was* fair to look upon.

⁸And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac *was* sporting with Rebekah his wife. ⁹And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Be-

hold, of a surety she *is* thy wife: and how saidst thou, She *is* my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her. ¹⁰And Abimelech said, What *is* this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lain with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us.

¹¹And Abimelech charged all *his* people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

¹²Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year a hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him. ¹³And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: ¹⁴For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and a numerous household: and the Philistines envied him. ¹⁵For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth. ¹⁶And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

¹⁷And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. ¹⁸And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father: for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. ¹⁹And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found

there a well of springing water. ²⁰And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him.

²¹And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. ²²And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land. ²³And he went up from thence to Beer-sheba. ²⁴And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

²⁵And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

²⁶Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army. ²⁷And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you? ²⁸And they said, We saw certainly that the Lord was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee; ²⁹That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto

thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of the Lord.

³⁰And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink. ³¹And they rose up betimes in the morning, and swore one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

³²And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water. ³³And he called it Shibeah: therefore the name of the city is Beer-sheba unto this day.

³⁴And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: ³⁵And they were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

27 And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, here am I. ²And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death: ³Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison; ⁴And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.

⁵And Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for veni-

son, *and to bring it.* ⁶And Rebekah spoke unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, ⁷Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the Lord before my death. ⁸Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. ⁹Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth: ¹⁰And thou shalt bring *it* to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.

¹¹And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I *am* a smooth man: ¹²My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.

¹³And his mother said unto him, Upon me *be* thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me *them*.

¹⁴And he went, and fetched, and brought *them* to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved. ¹⁵And Rebekah took the goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which *were* with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son: ¹⁶And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands and upon the smooth of his neck: ¹⁷And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she

had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

¹⁸And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I; who *art* thou, my son? ¹⁹And Jacob said unto his father, I *am* Esau thy first-born; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. ²⁰And Isaac said unto his son, How *is it* that thou hast found *it* so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the Lord thy God brought *it* to me.

²¹And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou *be* my very son Esau or not. ²²And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father: and he felt him, and said, The voice *is* Jacob's voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Esau. ²³And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. ²⁴And he said, *Art* thou my very son Esau? And he said, I *am*. ²⁵And he said, Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought *it* near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank. ²⁶And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. ²⁷And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son *is* as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed: ²⁸And may God give

thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: ²⁹Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's ³⁰sons bow down to thee: cursed be they that curse thee, and blessed be they that bless thee.

³⁰And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

³¹And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. ³²And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, *I am thy son, thy first-born Esau.* ³³And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed

³⁴And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, *even me also, O my father.* ³⁵And he said, Thy brother came with subtlety, and hath taken away thy blessing. ³⁶And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing.

And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? ³⁷And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son? ³⁸And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, *even me also, O my father.* And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. ³⁹And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be of the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; ⁴⁰And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

⁴¹And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.

⁴²And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, *purposing* to kill thee. ⁴³Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran; ⁴⁴And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away; ⁴⁵Until

thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget *that* which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?

⁴⁶And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

28 And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. ²Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father, and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. ³And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; ⁴And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham. ⁵And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

⁶When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not

take a wife of the daughters of Canaan; ⁷And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram; ⁸And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father; ⁹Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives that he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

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¹⁰And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. ¹¹And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took *one* of the stones of that place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹²And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. ¹³And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I *am* the Lord, God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; ¹⁴And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵And, behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goest, and will bring thee again

into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of.

¹⁰And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. ¹¹And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful *is* this place! this *is* none other but the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven.

¹²And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up *for* a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. ¹³And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of that city *was* Luz at the first. ¹⁴And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, ¹⁵So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God: ¹⁶And this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

29 Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east. ²And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there *were* three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone *was* upon the well's mouth. ³And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and water-

ed the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in its place. ⁴And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence *be* ye? And they said, Of Haran *are* we. ⁵And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know *him*. ⁶And he said unto them, *Is* he well? And they said, *He is* well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep. ⁷And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither *is* it time that the cattle should be gathered together; water ye the sheep, and go *and* feed *them*. ⁸And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and *till* they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.

⁹And while he yet spoke with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she *was* a shepherdess. ¹⁰And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. ¹¹And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. ¹²And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her father's kinsman, and that he *was* Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.

¹³And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban

all these things. ¹⁴And Laban said to him, Surely thou *art* my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

¹⁵And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou *art* my brother, shouldst thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what *shall* thy wages be? ¹⁶And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel. ¹⁷And Leah's eyes were tender: but Rachel *was* beautiful and well favoured. ¹⁸And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. ¹⁹And Laban said, *It is* better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.

²⁰And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him *but* a few days, for the love he had to her. ²¹And Jacob said unto Laban, Give *me* my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. ²²And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. ²³And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. ²⁴And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid *for* a handmaid. ²⁵And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it *was* Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me? ²⁶And Laban said, It

must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the first-born. ²⁷Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. ²⁸And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. ²⁹And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid. ³⁰And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

³¹And when the Lord saw that Leah *was* hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel *was* barren. ³²And Leah conceived, and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the Lord hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me. ³³And she conceived again, and bore a son; and said, Because the Lord hath heard that I *was* hated, he hath therefore given me this *son* also: and she called his name Simeon. ³⁴And she conceived again, and bore a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have borne him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi. ³⁵And she conceived again, and bore a son: and she said, Now will I praise the Lord: therefore she called his name Judah; and she left off bearing.

30 And when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said

unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. ²And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and she said, Am I in God's stead, who withholdeth from thee the fruit of the womb? ³And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her. ⁴And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her. ⁵And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. ⁶And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan. ⁷And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bore Jacob a second son. ⁸And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali. ⁹When Leah saw that she had left off bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife. ¹⁰And Zilpah Leah's maid bore Jacob a son. And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad. And Zilpah Leah's maid bore Jacob a second son. ¹³And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me happy: and she called his name Asher. ¹⁴And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes. And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken

my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee tonight for thy son's mandrakes. ¹⁶And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night. ¹⁷And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob the fifth son. ¹⁸And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband; and she called his name Issachar. ¹⁹And Leah conceived again, and bore Jacob the sixth son. ²⁰And Leah said, God hath endowed me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons; and she called his name Zebulun. ²¹And afterwards she bore a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

²²And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. ²³And she conceived, and bore a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: ²⁴And she called his name Joseph; and said, The Lord shall add to me another son.

²⁵And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country. ²⁶Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest

my service which I have done thee. ²⁷And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes; *for* I have divined that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake. ²⁸And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it. ²⁹And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me. ³⁰*For it was* little which thou hadst before I *came*, and it is *now* increased unto a multitude; and the Lord hath blessed thee since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also? ³¹And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me **any** thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed *and* keep thy flock. ³²I will pass through all thy flock to-day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and of *such* shall be my hire. ³³So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me. ³⁴And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word. ³⁵And he removed that day the he-goats that were ring-streaked and spotted, and all the she-goats that were speckled and spotted, *and* every one that had *some* white in it, and all the brown among the

sheep, and gave *them* into hand of his sons. ³⁶And he three days' journey betwixt self and Jacob: and Jacob the rest of Laban's flocks.

³⁷And Jacob took him rod green poplar, and of the hazel chestnut tree; and peeled v streaks in them, and made white appear which *was* in rods. ³⁸And he set the rods w he had peeled before the fl in the gutters in the wate troughs when the flocks cam drink, that they should cone when they came to drink. ³⁹the flocks conceived before rods, and brought forth e ring-streaked, speckled, and s ted. ⁴⁰And Jacob did separate lambs, and set the faces of flocks toward the ring-streal and all the brown in the flock Laban; and he put his own fl by themselves, and put them unto Laban's cattle. ⁴¹And it ca to pass, whensoever the stron cattle did conceive, that Jacob the rods before the eyes of cattle in the gutters, that t might conceive among the r ⁴²But when the cattle were fee he put *them* not in: so the feel were Laban's, and the stron Jacob's. ⁴³And the man increa exceedingly, and had much cal and maid-servants, and men vants, and camels, and asses. **31** And he heard the words Laban's sons, saying, Ju hath taken away all that *was* father's; and of *that* which our father's hath he gotten

his glory. ³And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before. And the Lord said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee. ⁴And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to be field unto his flock, ⁵And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me. ⁶And I know that with all my power I have served your father. ⁷And our father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but he hath suffered him not to hurt me. If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bore speckled: and if he said thus, The ring-streaked shall be thy hire; then bore all the cattle ring-streaked. ⁸Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me. And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were ring-streaked, speckled, and grizzled. ¹¹And the angel of God spoke unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I. ¹²And he said, Lift up thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ring-streaked, speckled, and grizzled; for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee. ¹³I am the God of Beth-el, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto

me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred. ¹⁴And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? ¹⁵Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money. ¹⁶For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is ours, and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

¹⁷Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels; ¹⁸And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padan-aram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan. ¹⁹And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the images that were her father's. ²⁰And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the Aramean, in that he told him not that he fled. ²¹So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gilead.

²²And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled. ²³And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead. ²⁴And God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. ²⁵Then Laban overtook Jacob.

Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead. ²⁶And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives *taken* with the sword? ²⁷Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp? ²⁸And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in so doing. ²⁹It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spoke unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. ³⁰And now, *though* thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longest after thy father's house, *yet* wherefore hast thou stolen my gods? ³¹And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me. ³²With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take *it* to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them. ³³And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maid-servants' tents; but he found *them* not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. ³⁴Now Rachel had taken the

images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the ten but found *them* not. ³⁵And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched, but found not the images. ³⁶And Jacob was wroth, and quarreled with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me? ³⁷Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? set *it* here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both. ³⁸This twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she-goats have not cast their young and the rams of thy flock have not eaten. ³⁹That which was torn of *beasts* I brought not unto thee. I bore the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, *whether* stolen by day, or stolen by night. ⁴⁰*Thus* I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes. ⁴¹*Thus* have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times. ⁴²Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine af-

fiction and the labour of my hands, and he judged yesternight. ⁴And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, *These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children whom they have borne?* ⁵Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee. ⁶And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. ⁷And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made a heap: and they did eat there upon the heap. ⁸And Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha: but Jacob called it Galed. ⁹And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galed; ¹⁰And Mizpah; for he said, The Lord watch between me and thee, and when we are absent one from another. ¹¹If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives besides my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is witness betwixt me and thee. ¹²And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold *this* pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee; ¹³This heap be witness, and *this* pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm. ¹⁴The God of Abraham, and he God of Nuhor, the God of their

father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob swore by the fear of his father Isaac. ¹⁵Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

32 And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed and returned unto his place. ²And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. ³And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host; and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

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⁴And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom. ⁵And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now: ⁶And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and men-servants, and women-servants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

⁷And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. ⁸Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands; ⁹And said, If Esau come

to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape. ¹⁰And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the Lord who saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee: ¹¹I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth which thou hast shewn unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands. ¹²Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children. ¹³And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude. ¹⁴And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother; ¹⁵Two hundred she-goats, and twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams, ¹⁶Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty she-asses, and ten foals. ¹⁷And he delivered *them* into the hand of his servants, every drove by itself; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove. ¹⁸And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose *art* thou? and whither goest thou? and whose *are* these before thee? ¹⁹Then thou

shalt say, *They be* thy servants Jacob's; it is a present sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, also he is behind us. ²⁰And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him. ²¹And say ye more over, Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept me. ²²So went the present over before him: and he himself lodged that night in the company. ²³And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women-servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok. ²⁴And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had.

²⁵And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁶And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. ²⁷And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. ²⁸And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. ²⁹And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. ³⁰And Jacob asked *him*, and said, Tell *me*, I pray thee, thy

name. And he said, Wherefore *is* it *that* thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. ³¹And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. ³²And as he passed over Peniel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

³³Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which *is* upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

33 And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids. ²And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindmost. ³And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. ⁴And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept. ⁵And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who *are* those with thee? And he said, The children whom God hath graciously given thy servant. ⁶Then the handmaids came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves. ⁷And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves; and after came Joseph

near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves. ⁸And he said, What *meanest* thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, *These are* to find grace in the sight of my lord. ⁹And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep what thou hast unto thyself. ¹⁰And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me. ¹¹Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it. ¹²And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee. ¹³And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children *are* tender, and the flocks and herds with young *are* with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flocks will die. ¹⁴Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir. ¹⁵And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee *some* of the folk that *are* with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

¹⁶So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir. ¹⁷And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him a house, and made booths

for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

¹⁸And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram; and pitched his tent before the city. ¹⁹And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for a hundred pieces of money. ²⁰And he erected there an altar, and called it El-elohe-Israel.

34 And Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she bore unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. ²And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and violated her. ³And his soul cleaved unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spoke kindly unto the damsel. ⁴And Shechem spoke unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife. ⁵And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come. ⁶And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him. ⁷And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done. ⁸And Hamor communed with them, saying, The

soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife. ⁹And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you. ¹⁰And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein. ¹¹And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give. ¹²Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me; but give me the damsel to wife. ¹³And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister: ¹⁴And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us: ¹⁵But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised: ¹⁶Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people. ¹⁷But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone. ¹⁸And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son. ¹⁹And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he was more honourable than all the house of his

father.

²⁰And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying, ²¹These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, it is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. ²²Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised. ²³Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs be ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us. ²⁴And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

²⁵And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males. ²⁶And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out. ²⁷The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister. ²⁸They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field, ²⁹And all their wealth,

and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that was in the house.

³⁰And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to make me loathsome among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I being few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.

³¹And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with a harlot?

35 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. ²Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean and change your garments: ³And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. ⁴And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem. ⁵And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

⁶So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is,

Beth-el, he and all the people that *were* with him. ⁷And he built there an altar, and called the place El-beth-el: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother. ⁸And Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Beth-el under an oak: and the name of it was called Allon-bachuth.

⁹And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram, and blessed him. ¹⁰And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. ¹¹And God said unto him, I *am* God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; ¹²And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land. ¹³And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him. ¹⁴And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, *even* a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink-offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon. ¹⁵And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Beth-el.

¹⁶And they journeyed from Beth-el; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath; and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. ¹⁷And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear

not; for this is also a son for thee. ¹⁸And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Ben-oni: but his father called him Benjamin. ¹⁹And Rachel died, and was buried in the way of Ephrath, which is Beth-lehem. ²⁰And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

²¹And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond Migdal-Eder. ²²And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: ²³The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's first-born, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun: ²⁴The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin: ²⁵And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's hand-maid; Dan, and Naphtali: ²⁶And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's hand-maid; Gad, and Asher: these *are* the sons of Jacob, that were born to him in Padan-aram.

²⁷And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto Kiriath-arba which is Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned. ²⁸And the days of Isaac were a hundred and fourscore years. ²⁹And Isaac expired, and died, and was gathered unto his people, *being* old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

36 Now these *are* the generations of Esau, who is Edom.

Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; ³And Bashemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth. ⁴And Adah bore to Esau Eliphaz; and Bashemath bore Reuel; ⁵And Aholibamah bore Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah: these *are* the sons of Esau that were born unto him in the land of Canaan.

⁶And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went into the country from the face of his brother Jacob. ⁷For their riches was more than that they might dwell together; and the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle. ⁸Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau *is* Edom.

⁹And these *are* the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir: ¹⁰These *are* the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau. ¹¹And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. ¹²And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bore to Eliphaz Amalek: these *were* the sons of Adah Esau's wife. ¹³And these *are* the sons of Reuel: Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah:

these were the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife. ¹⁴And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bore to Esau Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

¹⁵These *were* dukes of the sons of Esau; the sons of Eliphaz the first-born son of Esau; duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz, ¹⁶Duke Korah, duke Gatam, and duke Amalek: these *are* the dukes that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these *were* the sons of Adah.

¹⁷And these *are* the sons of Reuel Esau's son; duke Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah: these *are* the dukes that came of Reuel in the land of Edom; these *are* the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife. ¹⁸And these *are* the sons of Aholibamah Esau's wife; duke Jeush, duke Jaalam, duke Korah: these *were* the dukes that came of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife.

¹⁹These *are* the sons of Esau, who *is* Edom, and these *are* their dukes.

²⁰These *are* the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, ²¹And Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan: these *are* the dukes of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom. ²²And the children of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna. ²³And the children of Shobal were these; Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. ²⁴And these

are the children of Zibeon; both Ajah, and Anah: this *was that* Anah that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father. ²⁵And the children of Anah *were* these: Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah. ²⁶And these *are* the children of Dishon; Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. ²⁷The children of Ezer *are* these; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan. ²⁸The children of Dishan *are* these; Uz, and Aran.

²⁹These *are* the dukes that came of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah, ³⁰duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan: these *are* the dukes that came of Hori, among their dukes in the land of Seir.

³¹And these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel. ³²And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah. ³³And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. ³⁴And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of Temani reigned in his stead. ³⁵And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Avith. ³⁶And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. ³⁷And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth *by* the river reigned in his stead. ³⁸And Saul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead. ³⁹And

Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his stead; and the name of his city *was* Pau; and his wife's name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-zahab.

⁴⁰And these *are* the names of the dukes that came of Esau according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Timnah, duke Alvah, duke Jetheth, ⁴¹duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon, ⁴²duke Kenez, duke Teman, duke Mibzar, ⁴³duke Magdiel, duke Iram: these *be* the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: he *is* Esau the father of Edom.

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37 And Jacob dwelt in the land of his father's sojourning, in the land of Canaan. ²These *are* the generations of Jacob. Joseph *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and he *was* a lad with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. ⁴And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

⁵And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. ⁶And

he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: ⁷For, behold, we *were* binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. ⁸And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. ⁹And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. ¹⁰And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? ¹¹And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

¹²And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.

¹³And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed *the* flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here *am* I. ¹⁴And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flock; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

¹⁵And a certain man found him,

and, behold, *he was* wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? ¹⁶And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed *their flocks*. ¹⁷And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan. ¹⁸And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. ¹⁹And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. ²⁰Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. ²¹And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him. ²²And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

²³And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren that they stripped Joseph of his coat, *his coat of many colours* that was on him; ²⁴And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, *there was* no water in it. ²⁵And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmaelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and

myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother *and* our flesh. And his brethren hearkened *unto him*. ²⁸Then there passed by Midianites, merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty *pieces* of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

²⁹And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph *was* not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. ³⁰And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go? ³¹And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; ³²And they sent the coat of *many* colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. ³³And he knew it, and said, *It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces*. ³⁴And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. ³⁵And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

³⁶And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, *and* captain of the guard.

38 And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name *was* Hirah. ²And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name *was* Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her. ³And she conceived, and bore a son; and he called his name Er. ⁴And she conceived again, and bore a son; and she called his name Onan. ⁵And she yet again conceived, and bore a son; and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bore him. ⁶And Judah took a wife for Er his first-born, whose name *was* Tamar. ⁷And Er, Judah's first-born, was wicked in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord slew him. ⁸And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother. ⁹And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother. ¹⁰And the thing which he did displeased the Lord: wherefore he slew him also. ¹¹Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren *did*. And Tamar went and

went in her father's house.

¹²And in process of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheep-shearers to Timnah, he and his friend Eliah the Adullamite. ¹³And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father-in-law goeth up to Timnah to shear his sheep. ¹⁴And he put her widow's garments off from her, and covered herself with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife. ¹⁵When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a harlot; because she had covered her face. ¹⁶And he turned into her by the way, and said, Go, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter-in-law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me? ¹⁷And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it? ¹⁸And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy cord, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave them to her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him. ¹⁹And she arose, and went away, and laid by her veil from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood. ²⁰And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not. ²¹Then he

asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the wayside? And they said, There was no harlot in this place. ²²And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place. ²³And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

²⁴And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter-in-law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by harlotry. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt. ²⁵When she was brought forth, she went to her father-in-law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and cord, and staff. ²⁶And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more. ²⁷And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb. ²⁸And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first. ²⁹And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How vigorously thou hast broken forth! therefore his name

was called Perez. ³⁰And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zerah.

39 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmaelites, that had brought him down thither. ²And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. ³And his master saw that the Lord *was* with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand. ⁴And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. ⁵And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. ⁶And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand: and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

⁷And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. ⁸But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master knoweth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath

to my hand; ⁹*There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?* ¹⁰And it came to pass, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie with her, or to be with her. ¹¹And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and *there was none of the men of the house there within.* ¹²And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. ¹³And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth. ¹⁴That she called unto the men of her house, and spoke unto them saying, See, he hath brought in a Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice. ¹⁵And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out. ¹⁶And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home. ¹⁷And she spoke unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, whom thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: ¹⁸And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out. ¹⁹And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which

he spoke unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. ¹⁰And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners ~~were~~ bound: and he was there in the prison.

¹¹But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. ¹²And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that *were* in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. ¹³The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that *was* under his hand; because the Lord was with him, and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper.

40 And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt. ²And Pharaoh was wroth against two of his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers. ³And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph *was* bound. ⁴And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.

⁵And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the

king of Egypt, who *were* bound in the prison. ⁶And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they *were* sad. ⁷And he asked Pharaoh's officers that *were* with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to-day? ⁸And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none to interpret it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations *belong* to God? tell me *them*, I pray you. ⁹And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine *was* before me; ¹⁰And in the vine *were* three branches: and it *was* as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes: ¹¹And Pharaoh's cup *was* in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand. ¹²And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches *are* three days: ¹³Within yet three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. ¹⁴But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: ¹⁵For indeed I *was* stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I

done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon. ¹⁶When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also *was* in my dream, and, behold, *I had* three baskets of white bread on my head: ¹⁷And in the uppermost basket *there was* of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head. ¹⁸And Joseph answered and said, This *is* the interpretation thereof: The three baskets *are* three days: ¹⁹Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee. ²⁰And it came to pass the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand: ²²But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them. ²³Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

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41 And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river. ²And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fat-fleshed; and they fed in a meadow. ³And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the

river, ill favoured and lean-fleshed; and stood by the *other* kine upon the brink of the river. ⁴And the ill favoured and lean-fleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke. ⁵And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good. ⁶And behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them. ⁷And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, *it was* a dream. ⁸And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but *there was* none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh. ⁹Then spoke the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day: ¹⁰Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, *both* me and the chief baker: ¹¹And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream. ¹²And *there was* there with us a young man, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret. ¹³And it came to pass, *as* he interpreted to us, so it was; *me* he restored unto mine office, and him he

hanged. ¹⁴Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved *himself*, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. ¹⁵And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is none* that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, *that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it*. ¹⁶And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is not in me*: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace. ¹⁷And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river: ¹⁸And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fat-fleshed and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow: ¹⁹And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness: ²⁰And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine: ²¹And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they *were* still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke. ²²And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good: ²³And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them: ²⁴And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told *this* unto the magicians; but *there was none* that could declare it to me. ²⁵And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The

dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewn Pharaoh what he *is* about to do. ²⁶The seven good kine *are* seven years; and the seven good ears *are* seven years: the dream *is* one. ²⁷And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them *are* seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine. ²⁸This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh. ²⁹Behold there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: ³⁰And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land; ³¹And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it *shall* be very grievous. ³²And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; *it is* because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. ³³Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. ³⁴Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. ³⁵And let them gather all the food of those good years *that* come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. ³⁶And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine,

which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine. ³⁷And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. ³⁸And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this *is*, a man in whom the spirit of God *is*? ³⁹And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewn thee all this, *there is* none so discreet and wise as thou *art*: ⁴⁰Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. ⁴¹And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. ⁴²And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; ⁴³And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he set him over all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁴And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I *am* Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁵And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneah, and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt. ⁴⁶And Joseph *was* thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

⁴⁷And in the seven plenteous year the earth brought forth by handfuls. ⁴⁸And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; the food of the field which *was* round about every city, laid he up in the same. ⁴⁹And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering for *it was* without number.

⁵⁰And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, whom Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bore unto him. ⁵¹And Joseph called the name of the first-born Manasseh; For God, *said he*, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. ⁵²And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

⁵³And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended. ⁵⁴And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said; and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. ⁵⁵And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph what he saith to you, do. ⁵⁶And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt. ⁵⁷And

all countries came into Egypt to Joseph to buy corn; because the famine was sore in all lands.

42 Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? ²And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die. ³And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt. ⁴But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him. ⁵And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan. ⁶And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed themselves down before him with their faces to the earth. ⁷And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spoke roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. ⁸And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him. ⁹And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. ¹⁰And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come. ¹¹We are all one man's sons; we are true men, thy

servants are no spies. ¹²And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. ¹³And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not. ¹⁴And Joseph said unto them, that is it that I spoke unto you, saying, Ye are spies: ¹⁵Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither. ¹⁶Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies. ¹⁷And he put them all together into ward three days. ¹⁸And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear God. ¹⁹If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison; go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses: ²⁰But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so. ²¹And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us. ²²And Reuben answered them, saying, Spoke I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold,

also his blood is required. ²³And they knew not that Joseph understood *them*; for he spoke unto them by an interpreter. ²⁴And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes. ²⁵Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them. ²⁶And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence. ²⁷And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it *was* in his sack's mouth. ²⁸And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, *it is* even in my sack; and their heart failed *them*, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What *is* this that God hath done unto us? ²⁹And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them; saying, ³⁰The man, *who is* the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country. ³¹And we said unto him, *We are true men*; we are no spies: ³²*We be* twelve brethren, sons of our father; one *is* not, and the youngest *is* this day with our father in the land of Canaan. ³³And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that *ye are true men*; leave one of your brethren *here* with me,

and take food for the famine of your households, and be gone: ³⁴And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that *ye are* no spies, but that *ye are true men*; so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffic in the land. ³⁵And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money *was* in his sack: and when *both* they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid. ³⁶And Jacob their father said unto them, *Me have ye bereaved of my children*: Joseph *is* not, and Simeon *is* not, and ye will take Benjamin *away*: all these things are against me. ³⁷And Reuben spoke unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again. ³⁸And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in which ye go, than shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

43 And the famine *was* sore in the land. ²And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food. ³And Judah spoke unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye *shall* not see my face, except your brother *be* with you. ⁴If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will

go down and buy thee food: *But* if thou wilt not send *him*, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother *be* with you. *And* Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother? *And* they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, *Is* your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down? *And* Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, *and* also our little ones. *I* will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever: *For* except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time. *And* their father Israel said unto them, If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds: *And* take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight: *Take* also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man:

And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of *my* children, I am bereaved.

And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. *And* when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring *these* men home, and slay, and make ready; for *these* men shall dine with me at noon. *And* the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house. *And* the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses. *And* they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house, *And* said, O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food: *And* it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, *every* man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand. *And* other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks. *And* he said,

Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them. ²⁴And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave *them* water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender. ²⁵And they made ready the present before Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there. ²⁶And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which *was* in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth. ²⁷And he asked them of *their* welfare, and said, *Is* your father well, the old man of whom ye spoke? *Is* he yet alive? ²⁸And they answered, Thy servant our father *is* in good health, he *is* yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance. ²⁹And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, *Is* this your youngest brother, of whom ye spoke unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son. ³⁰And Joseph made haste; for his affection toward his brother was kindled and he sought *where* to weep; and he entered into *his* chamber, and wept there. ³¹And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread. ³²And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, that did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyp-

tians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians. ³³And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another. ³⁴And he took *and sent* portions unto them from before him; but Benjamin's portion was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank and were merry with him.

44 And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks *with* food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. ²And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. ³As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses. ⁴And when they were gone out of the city, *and not yet* far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good? ⁵*Is* not this *it* in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in so doing. ⁶And he overtook them, and he spoke unto them these same words. ⁷And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing: ⁸Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought

again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold? ⁹With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen. ¹⁰And he said, Now also *let it be* according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and ye shall be blameless. ¹¹Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack. ¹²And he searched, *and* began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. ¹³Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city. ¹⁴And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house; for he *was* yet there: and they fell before him on the ground. ¹⁵And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? know ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine? ¹⁶And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we are my lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found. ¹⁷And he said, God forbid that I should do so: *but* the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you in peace unto your father.

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¹⁸Then Judah came near unto

him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou *art* even as Pharaoh. ¹⁹My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother? ²⁰And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him. ²¹And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him. ²²And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for *if* he should leave his father, *his* father would die. ²³And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more. ²⁴And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. ²⁵And our father said, Go again, *and* buy us a little food. ²⁶And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother *be* with us. ²⁷And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bore me two sons: ²⁸And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I *saw* him not since: ²⁹And if ye *take* this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the

grave. ³⁰Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life; ³¹It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave. ³²For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever. ³³Now, therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren. ³⁴For how shall I go up to my father and the lad be not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

45 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried. Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. ²And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. ³And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. ⁴And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. ⁵Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with

yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. ⁶For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in which there shall neither be ploughing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. ⁸So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hasten ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not: ¹⁰And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: ¹¹And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty. ¹²And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you. ¹³And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall hasten and bring down my father hither. ¹⁴And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them:

and after that his brethren talked with him.

¹⁶And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants. ¹⁷And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan; ¹⁸And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land. ¹⁹Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. ²⁰Also regard not your household stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours. ²¹And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way. ²²To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment. ²³And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she-asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father for the way. ²⁴So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way. ²⁵And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father,

²⁶And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And his heart fainted, for he believed them not. ²⁷And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived: ²⁸And Israel said, *It is enough*; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

46 And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. ²And God spoke unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. ³And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: ⁴I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes. ⁵And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him: ⁷His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

⁸And these *are* the names of the children of Israel, who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's first-born. ⁹And the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi. ¹⁰And the sons of Simeon: Jemu-el, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman. ¹¹And the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. ¹²And the sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Perez, and Zerah; but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul. ¹³And the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron. ¹⁴And the sons of Zebulun: Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel. ¹⁵These *be* the sons of Leah, whom she bore unto Jacob in Padan-aram, with his daughter Dinah; all the souls of his sons and his daughters *were* thirty and three. ¹⁶And the sons of Gad: Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli. ¹⁷And the sons of Asher: Jimnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister: and the sons of Beriah: Heber, and Malchiel. ¹⁸These *are* the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bore unto Jacob, *even* sixteen souls. ¹⁹The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin. ²⁰And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Ase-nath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bore unto him. ²¹And

the sons of Benjamin *were* Bela, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Mup-pim, and Huppim, and Ard. ²²These *are* the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob; all the souls *were* fourteen. ²³And the sons of Dan: Hushim. ²⁴And the sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem. ²⁵These *are* the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and she bore these unto Jacob; all the souls *were* seven. ²⁶All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, that came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls *were* three-score and six; ²⁷And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, *were* two souls; all the souls of the house of Jacob, that came into Egypt, *were* threescore and ten.

²⁸And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen. ²⁹And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. ³⁰And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou *art* yet alive. ³¹And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, *who* *were* in the land of Canaan, *are* come unto me; ³²And the men

are shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have. ³³And it shall come to pass when Pharaoh shall call you, and *shall* say, What *is* your occupation? ³⁴That ye shall say, Thy servants have been keepers of cattle from our youth even until now, both we, *and* also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd *is* an abomination unto the Egyptians.

47 Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they *are* in the land of Goshen. ²And he took some of his brethren, *even* five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh. ³And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What *is* your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants *are* shepherds, both we, *and* also our fathers. ⁴They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine *is* sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen. ⁵And Pharaoh spoke unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee: ⁶The land of Egypt *is* before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in

the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest *any* men of ability among them, then make them rulers over my cattle. ⁷And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. ⁸And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old *art* thou? ⁹And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage *are* a hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage. ¹⁰And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

¹¹And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. ¹²And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to *their* families.

¹³And *there was* no bread in all the land; for the famine *was* very sore, so that the land of Egypt and *all* the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine. ¹⁴And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. ¹⁵And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Jo-

seph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth. ¹⁶And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail. ¹⁷And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread *in exchange* for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year. ¹⁸When that year was ended they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide *it* from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands: ¹⁹Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give *us* seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate. ²⁰And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's. ²¹And as for the people, he removed them to cities from *one* end of the borders of Egypt even to the *other* end thereof. ²²Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion *assigned them* of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.

²³Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, *here is* seed for you, and ye shall sow the land. ²⁴And I shall come to pass in the increase that ye shall give the fifth *part* unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones. ²⁵And he said, Thou hast saved our lives, let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants. ²⁶And Joseph made a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, *that* Pharaoh should have the fifth *part*; except the land of the priests only, *which* became not Pharaoh's.

²⁷And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possession therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

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²⁸And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was a hundred and forty and seven years. ²⁹And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt: ³⁰But thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their burying-place:

And he said, I will do as thou hast said. ³¹And he said, Swear unto me. And he swore unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.

48 And it came to pass after these things, that *one* told Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. ²And *one* told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. ³And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, ⁴And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give thee the land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. ⁵And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, *are* mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. ⁶And thy issue, which thou begettest after them, shall be thine, and shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance. ⁷And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet *there was* but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same is Bethlehem. ⁸And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who *are* these? ⁹And Joseph said unto his

father, They *are* my sons, whom God hath given me in this *place*. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them. ¹⁰Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, *so that* he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them. ¹¹And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath shewn me also thy seed. ¹²And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. ¹³And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought *them* near unto him. ¹⁴And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who *was* the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head; he guided his hands wittingly, for Manasseh *was* the first-born. ¹⁵And he blessed Joseph, and said, the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God who fed me all my life long unto this day, ¹⁶The angel who redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. ¹⁷And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to

remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. ¹⁸And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the first-born; put thy right hand upon his head. ¹⁹And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. ²⁰And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh. ²¹And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers. ²²Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

49 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you in the last days. ²Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

³Keuben, thou *art* my first-born, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: ⁴Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou the one who ascended my couch.

⁵Simeon and Levi *are* brethren; weapons of violence *are* in their habitations. ⁶O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their self-will they digged down a wall. ⁷Cursed *be* their anger, for *it was* fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

⁸Judah, thou *art he* whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand *shall be* in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. ⁹Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? ¹⁰The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until he come to Shiloh; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the peoples *be*. ¹¹Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: ¹²His eyes *shall be* red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

¹³Zebulun shali dwell at the haven of the sea; and he *shall be* for a haven of ships; and his border *shall be* unto Zidon.

¹⁴Issachar is a strong ass couching down between the folds: ¹⁵And he saw that rest *was* good, and the land that *it was* pleasant: and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto

tribute.

¹⁶Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.

¹⁷Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that hitheth the horse's heels, so that his rider shall fall backward. ¹⁸I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord.

¹⁹Gad, a troop shall press upon him: but he shall press upon their heel.

²⁰Out of Asher his bread *shall be* fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

²¹Naphtali is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.

²²Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall:

²³The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: ²⁴But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; from thence *he became* the shepherd, the stone of Israel:

²⁵Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: ²⁶The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: **they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.**

²⁷Benjamin shall raven as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

²⁸All these *are* the twelve tribes of Israel: and this *is it* that their father spoke unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

²⁹And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite.

³⁰In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a burying-place.

³¹There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah. ³²The purchase of the field and of the cave that is therein *was* from the children of Heth. ³³And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and expired, and was gathered unto his people.

50 And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him. ²And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel. ³And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those that are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and

ten days.

‘And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spoke unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, ‘My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again. ‘And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear. ‘And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, ‘And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father’s house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen. ‘And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company. ‘¹⁰And they came to the threshing-floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days. ‘¹¹And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abel-mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan. ‘¹²And his sons did unto him according as

he commanded them: ‘¹³For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a burying place of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

‘¹⁴And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

‘¹⁵And when Joseph’s brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him. ‘¹⁶And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, ‘¹⁷So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren and their sins; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spoke unto him. ‘¹⁸And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold we *are* thy servants. ‘¹⁹And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for *am* I in the place of God? ‘²⁰But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto good to bring to pass, as *it is* this day to save much people alive. ‘²¹Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spoke kindly unto them.

²²And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house; and Joseph lived a hundred and ten years. ²³And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third *generation*: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees. ²⁴And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of

this land unto the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. ²⁵And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. ²⁶So Joseph died, *being* a hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

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EXODUS

1 Now these *are* the names of the children of Israel, who came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob: ²Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, ³Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, ⁴Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. ⁵And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt *already*. ⁶And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation. ⁷And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

⁸Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph. ⁹And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel *are* more and mightier than we: ¹⁰Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land. ¹¹Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Rameses. ¹²But the more they afflicted them, the more they

multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. ¹³And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: ¹⁴And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, *was* with rigour.

¹⁵And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of the one *was* Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: ¹⁶And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see *them* upon the stools; if it *be* a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it *be* a daughter, then she shall live. ¹⁷But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men-children alive. ¹⁸And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men-children alive? ¹⁹And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women *are* not as the Egyptian women; for they *are* lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. ²⁰Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people

multiplied, and waxed very mighty. ¹¹And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.

¹²And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

2 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. ³And the woman conceived, and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. ⁴And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. ⁵And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. ⁶And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself in the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. ⁷And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. ⁸Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? ⁹And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. ¹⁰And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her,

Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. ¹⁰And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

¹¹And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting a Hebrew, one of his brethren.

¹²And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. ¹³And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?

¹⁴And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

¹⁵Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well. ¹⁶Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. ¹⁷And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their

flock. ¹⁸And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon today? ¹⁹And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for us, and watered the flock. ²⁰And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread. ²¹And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter. ²²And she bore him a son, and he called his name Gershom: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

²³And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. ²⁴And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God took knowledge of them.

3 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. ²And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. ³And Moses said, I will now turn

aside, and see this great sight why the bush is not burnt. ⁴And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. ⁵And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. ⁶Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. ⁷And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people that are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; ⁸And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. ⁹Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. ¹¹And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

11And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this *shall be* a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. 12And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them? 13And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. 14And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this *is* my name for ever, and this *is* my memorial unto all generations. 15Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and *seen* that which is done to you in Egypt: 16And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. 17And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto

the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The Lord God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God. 18And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand. 19And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go. 20And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: 21But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put *them* upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall despoil Egypt.

4 And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee. 2And the Lord said unto him, What *is* that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. 3And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. 4And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand: 5That they may believe

that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee. ⁶And the Lord said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow. ⁷And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his *other* flesh. ⁸And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. ⁹And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry *land*; and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry *land*. ¹⁰And Moses said unto the Lord, O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I *am* slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. ¹¹And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord. ¹²Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. ¹³And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of *him whom* thou wilt

send. ¹⁴And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. ¹⁵And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. ¹⁶And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, *even* he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God. ¹⁷And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do the signs.

¹⁸And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren that *are* in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace. ¹⁹And the Lord said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead who sought thy life. ²⁰And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt; and Moses took the rod of God in his hand. ²¹And the Lord said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go. ²²And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son,

even my first-born: ²³And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, *even* thy first-born.

²⁴And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the Lord met him, and sought to kill him. ²⁵Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband *art* thou to me. ²⁶So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband *thou art*, because of the circumcision.

²⁷And the Lord said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him. ²⁸And Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him. ²⁹And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel: ³⁰And Aaron spoke all the words which the Lord had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. ³¹And the people believed: and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

5 And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. ²And Pharaoh said,

Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go. ³And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the Lord our God: lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword. ⁴And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, loose the people from their works? get you unto your burdens. ⁵And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now *are* many, and ye make them rest from their burdens. ⁶And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, ⁷Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves. ⁸And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish *ought* thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go *and* sacrifice to our God. ⁹Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let them not regard vain words. ¹⁰And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spoke to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw. ¹¹Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it: yet nought of your work shall be diminished. ¹²So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt

to gather stubble instead of straw. ¹²And the taskmasters hastened *them*, saying, Fulfil your works, *your* daily tasks, as when there was straw. ¹⁴And the officers of the children of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, *and* demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to-day, as heretofore? ¹⁵Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants? ¹⁶There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make bricks: and, behold, thy servants *are* beaten; but the fault is in thine own people. ¹⁷But he said, Ye *are* idle, *ye are* idle: therefore ye say, Let us go *and* do sacrifice to the Lord. ¹⁸Go therefore now, *and* work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks. ¹⁹And the officers of the children of Israel did see *that they were* in evil case, after it was said, Ye shall not diminish *ought* from your bricks of your daily task. ²⁰And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in their way, as they came forth from Pharaoh: ²¹And they said unto them, The Lord look upon you, and judge: because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us. ²²And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou done *so much*

evil to this people? why *is* it *tha* thou hast sent me? ²³For since came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.

6 Then the Lord said unto

Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.

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²And God spoke unto Moses, and said unto him, I *am* the Lord. ³And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. ⁴And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. ⁵And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I *am* the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: ⁷And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord your God, who bringeth you out from under the burdens

of the Egyptians. ⁸And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning which I lifted up my hand to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for a heritage: I *am* the Lord. ⁹And Moses spoke so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

¹⁰And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹¹Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. ¹²And Moses spoke before the Lord, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who *am* of uncircumcised lips? ¹³And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁴These *be* the heads of their fathers' houses: The sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi; these *be* the families of Reuben. ¹⁵And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman; these *are* the families of Simeon. ¹⁶And these *are* the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon, and Kehath, and Merari; and the years of the life of Levi *were* a hundred thirty and seven years. ¹⁷The

sons of Gershon; Libni, and Shimi, according to their families. ¹⁸And the sons of Kehath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: and the years of the life of Kehath *were* a hundred thirty and three years. ¹⁹And the sons of Merari; Mahali and Mushi; these *are* the families of Levi according to their generations. ²⁰And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bore him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram *were* a hundred and thirty and seven years. ²¹And the sons of Izhar; Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri. ²²And the sons of Uzziel; Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Sithri. ²³And Aaron took him Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Nahshon, to wife; and she bore him Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ²⁴And the sons of Korah; Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph: these *are* the families of the Korhites. ²⁵And Eleazar Aaron's son took him *one* of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and she bore him Phinehas: these *are* the heads of the fathers of the Levites according to their families. ²⁶These *are* that Aaron and Moses, to whom the Lord said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their hosts. ²⁷These *are* they that spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these *are* that Moses and Aaron.

²⁸And it came to pass on the day *when* the Lord spoke unto Moses in the land of Egypt, ²⁹That

the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, *I am* the Lord: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say unto thee. ¹⁰And Moses said before the Lord, Behold, *I am* of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?

7 And the Lord said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet. ²Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land. ³And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. ⁴But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, *and* my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. ⁵And the Egyptians shall know that *I am* the Lord, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them. ⁶And Moses and Aaron did so; as the Lord commanded them, so did they. ⁷And Moses *was* fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spoke unto Pharaoh.

⁸And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, ⁹When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast *it* before Pharaoh, *and* it shall become a serpent. ¹⁰And Moses and Aaron

went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the Lord had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. ¹¹Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. ¹²For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. ¹³And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said.

¹⁴And the Lord said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go. ¹⁵Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink over against him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand. ¹⁶And thou shalt say unto him, The Lord God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear. ¹⁷Thus saith the Lord, In this thou shalt know that *I am* the Lord: behold, I will smite with the rod that *is* in mine hand upon the waters which *are* in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. ¹⁸And the fish that *is* in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the water of the river;

¹⁹And the Lord spoke unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and *that* there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *vessels* of wood, and in *vessels* of stone.

²⁰And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that *were* in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that *were* in the river were turned to blood. ²¹And the fish that *was* in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. ²²And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the Lord had said. ²³And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also. ²⁴And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river. ²⁵And seven days were fulfilled, after that the Lord had smitten the river.

²⁶And the Lord spoke unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me. ²⁷And if thou refuse to

let *them* go, behold, I will smite all thy horders with frogs: ²⁸And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bed-chamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneading-troughs: ²⁹And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.

8 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt. ²And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt. ³And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

⁴Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Entreat the Lord, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the Lord. ⁵And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall I entreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, *that* they may remain in the river only? ⁶And he said, To-morrow. And he said, *Be it* according to thy word: that thou mayest know that *there is* none like unto the Lord our

God. ⁷And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only. ⁸And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried unto the Lord because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh. ⁹And the Lord did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields. ¹⁰And they gathered them together in heaps: and the land stank. ¹¹But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said.

¹²And the Lord said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. ¹³And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice upon man, and upon beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. ¹⁴And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast. ¹⁵Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said.

¹⁶And the Lord said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he

cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me. ¹⁷Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of *flies* upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses; and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of *flies*, and also the ground whereon they *are*. ¹⁸And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of *flies* shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I *am* the Lord in the midst of the earth. ¹⁹And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to-morrow shall this sign be. ²⁰And the Lord did so; and there came a grievous swarm of *flies* into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of *flies*. ²¹And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.

²²And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the Lord our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us? ²³We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the Lord our God, as he shall command us. ²⁴And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the Lord your God in the

wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: entreat for me. ²⁰And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will entreat the Lord that the swarms of *flies* may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to-morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the Lord. ²¹And the Lord did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of *flies* from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one. ²²And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

9 Then the Lord said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. ²For if thou refuse to let *them* go, and wilt hold them still, ³Behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thy cattle which *is* in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: *there shall be* a very grievous murrain. ⁴And the Lord shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that belongeth to the children of Israel. ⁵And the Lord appointed a set time, saying, To-morrow the Lord shall do this thing in the land. ⁶And the Lord did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle

of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one. ⁷And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

⁸And the Lord said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. ⁹And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth *with* blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth *with* blains upon man, and upon beast. ¹¹And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians. ¹²And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had spoken unto Moses.

¹³And the Lord said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. ¹⁴For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that *there is* none like me

in all the earth. ¹⁵For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth. ¹⁶And in very deed for this *cause* have I raised thee up, for to shew *in* thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. ¹⁷As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go? ¹⁸Behold, to-morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now. ¹⁹Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die. ²⁰He that feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses: ²¹And he that regarded not the word of the Lord left his servants and his cattle in the field.

²²And the Lord said upon Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt. ²³And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the Lord rained hail upon the land

of Egypt. ²⁴So there was hail, and fire was flaming up amidst the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. ²⁵And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that *was* in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and broke every tree of the field. ²⁶Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel *were*, was there no hail.

²⁷And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the Lord is righteous, and I and my people *are* wicked. ²⁸Entreat the Lord (for it is enough) that there be *no more* mighty thunders and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer. ²⁹And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the Lord; and the thunders shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail: that thou mayest know how that the earth is the Lord's. ³⁰But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the Lord God. ³¹And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley *was* in the ear, and the flax *was* in bloom. ³²But the wheat and the rye were not smitten: for they *were* not grown up. ³³And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the Lord: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain *was* not

poured upon the earth. ⁴⁴And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants. ⁴⁵And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the Lord had spoken by Moses.

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10 And the Lord said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him: ²And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I *am* the Lord. ³And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me. ⁴Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to-morrow will I bring the locusts into thy border: ⁵And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one shall not be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field: ⁶And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy

fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh. ⁷And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed? ⁸And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the Lord your God: *but who are they that shall go?* ⁹And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we *must hold* a feast unto the Lord. ¹⁰And he said unto them, Let the Lord be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: *look to it; for evil is before you.* ¹¹Not so: go now ye *that are* men and serve the Lord; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

¹²And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, *even* all that the hail hath left. ¹³And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all *that* night; *and* when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. ¹⁴And the

locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the borders of Egypt: very grievous *were they*; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such. ¹⁵For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

¹⁶Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the Lord your God, and against you. ¹⁷Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and entreat the Lord your God, that he may take away from me this death only. ¹⁸And he went out from Pharaoh, and entreated the Lord. ¹⁹And the Lord turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red Sea; there remained not one locust in all the border of Egypt. ²⁰But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

²¹And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness *which* may be felt. ²²And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: ²³They saw not one another, neither rose any from

his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

²⁴And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the Lord; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you. ²⁵And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt-offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the Lord our God. ²⁶Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not a hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the Lord our God; and we know not with what we must serve the Lord, until we come thither. ²⁷But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. ²⁸And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in the day thou seest my face thou shalt die. ²⁹And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.

11 And the Lord said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague *more* upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let *you* go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether. ²Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold. ³And the Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of

Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people. ⁴And Moses said, Thus saith the Lord, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: ⁵And all the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the first-born of the maid-servant that is behind the mill; and all the first-born of beasts. ⁶And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. ⁷But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel. ⁸And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.

⁹And the Lord said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

12 And the Lord spoke unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ²This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first

month of the year to you. ³Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for a house: ⁴And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: ⁶And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. ⁷And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. ⁸And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it. ⁹Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast *with* fire; its head with its legs, and with the entrails thereof. ¹⁰And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. ¹¹And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover. ¹²For I will pass

through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the Lord. ¹³And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are*: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt. ¹⁴And this day shall be unto you for a memorial: and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever. ¹⁵Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses; for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶And in the first day *there shall be* a holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save *that* which every man must eat, that only may be done by you. ¹⁷And ye shall observe *the feast of* unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. ¹⁸In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. ¹⁹Seven days shall there

be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. ²⁰Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

²¹Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover-lamb. ²²And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the basin; and none of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you*. ²⁴And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. ²⁵And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. ²⁶And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? ²⁷That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when *nē* smote the

Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. ²⁸And the children of Israel went away, and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

²⁹And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the first-born of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the first-born of cattle. ³⁰And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for *there was not a house where there was not one dead*. ³¹And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, *and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as ye have said*. ³²Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also. ³³And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We *be* all dead men. ³⁴And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. ³⁵And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: ³⁶And the Lord gave the people favour

in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them *such things as they required*. And they despoiled Egypt.

³⁷And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot *that were* men, besides children. ³⁸And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattle. ³⁹And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

⁴⁰Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, *was* four hundred and thirty years. ⁴¹And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the self-same day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. ⁴²It is a night to be much observed unto the Lord for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the Lord to be observed by all the children of Israel in their generations.

⁴³And the Lord said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof: ⁴⁴But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. ⁴⁵A foreigner and a hired servant shall not eat thereof. ⁴⁶In

one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof. ⁴⁷All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. ⁴⁸And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the pass-over to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. ⁴⁹One law shall be to him that is home-born, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you. ⁵⁰Thus did all the children of Israel; as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. ⁵¹And it came to pass the selfsame day, *that* the Lord did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

13 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Sanctify unto me all the first-born, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, *both* of man and of beast: it is mine.

³And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this *place*; there shall no leavened bread be eaten. ⁴This day came ye out in the month Abib. ⁵And it shall be when the Lord shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, which he swore

unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month. ⁶Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day *shall be* a feast to the Lord. ⁷Unleavened bread *shall be eaten* seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters. ⁸And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, *This is done* because of that *which* the Lord did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt. ⁹And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the Lord's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the Lord brought thee out of Egypt. ¹⁰Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year.

¹¹And it shall be when the Lord shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee, ¹²That thou shalt set apart unto the Lord all that openeth the womb, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males *shall be* the Lord's. ¹³And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the first-born of man among thy children shalt thou redeem. ¹⁴And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By

strength of hand the Lord brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage: ¹⁵And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the Lord slew all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both the first-born of man, and the first-born of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all that openeth the womb, being males; but all the first-born of my children I redeem. ¹⁶And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt.

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¹⁷And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not *through* the way of the land of the Philistines, although that *was* near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: ¹⁸But God led the people about, *through* the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea; and the children of Israel went up armed out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁹And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you. ²⁰And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, at the edge of the wilderness. ²¹And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of

fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: ²²He took not away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night *from* before the people.

14 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baal-zephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea. ³For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They *are* entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. ⁴And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I *am* the Lord. And they did so.

⁵And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us? ⁶And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him: ⁷And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. ⁸And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with a high hand. ⁹But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and over-

took them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baalzephon.

¹⁰And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the Lord. ¹¹And they said unto Moses, Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? ¹²*Is* not this the word that we did speak unto thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For *it had been* better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. ¹³And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to-day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. ¹⁴The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

¹⁵And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: ¹⁶But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea. ¹⁷And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon

all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. ¹⁹And the angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, removed and *went* behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: ²⁰And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to *them*, but it gave light by night to *these*: so that the one came not near the other all the night. ²¹And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry *land*, and the waters were divided. ²²And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry *ground*: and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. ²³And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, *even* all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians. ²⁵And took off their chariot wheels, that they drove them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for

them against the Egyptians.

²⁶And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. ²⁷And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. ²⁸And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. ²⁹But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. ³⁰Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. ³¹And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians; and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses.

15 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spoke, saying:

I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. ²The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation; he is my God, and I will adorn him; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name. ⁴Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea. ⁵The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone. ⁶Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. ⁷And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble. ⁸And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as a heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. ¹⁰Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? ¹²Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them. ¹³Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people that thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation. ¹⁴The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Philistia. ¹⁵Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty

men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away. ¹⁶Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O Lord, till the people pass over, that thou hast purchased. ¹⁷Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established. ¹⁸The Lord shall reign for ever and ever. ¹⁹For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

²⁰And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. ²¹And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

²²So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water. ²³And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. ²⁴And the people murmured a-

gainst Moses, saying, What shall we drink? ²⁵And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord shewed him a tree, and he had cast it into the waters, and the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them. ²⁶And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.

²⁷And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

16 And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. ²And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: ³And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, and when we did eat bread to the full: for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

“Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or not. ⁶And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare *that* which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily. ⁷And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the Lord hath brought you out from the land of Egypt: ⁸And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the Lord; for that he heareth your murmurings against the Lord: and what *are* we, that ye murmur against us? ⁹And Moses said, *This shall be*, when the Lord shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the Lord heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what *are* we? your murmurings *are* not against us, but against the Lord, ¹⁰And Moses spoke unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the Lord: for he hath heard your murmurings. ¹¹And it came to pass, as Aaron spoke unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

¹²And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹³I have heard the

murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord your God. ¹⁴And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the camp. ¹⁵And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness *there lay* something fine and scaly, *as* fine as the hoar frost on the ground. ¹⁶And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they knew not what it *was*. And Moses said unto them, This *is* the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat. ¹⁷This *is* the thing which the Lord hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, *according to* the number of your persons; take ye every man for *them* that *are* in his tents. ¹⁸And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁹And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating. ²⁰And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning. ²¹Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them. ²²And they gathered it

every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted. ²²And it came to pass, *that* on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. ²³And he said unto them, This is *that* which the Lord hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord: bake *that* which ye will bake *to-day*, and seethe that ye will seethe; and *that* which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. ²⁴And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein, ²⁵And Moses said, Eat that *to-day*; for *to-day* is a sabbath unto the Lord; *to-day* ye shall not find it in the field. ²⁶Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, *which* is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

²⁷And it came to pass, *that* there went out *some* of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. ²⁸And the Lord said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? ²⁹See, for that the Lord hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days: abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. ³⁰And the people rested on the seventh day. ³¹And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it *was* like

coriander seed, white; and the taste of it *was* like wafers *made* with honey.

³²And Moses said, This is the thing which the Lord commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt. ³³And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the Lord, to be kept for your generations. ³⁴As the Lord commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. ³⁵And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan. ³⁶Now an omer is the tenth *part* of an ephah.

17 And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the Lord. and pitched in Rephidim: and *there was* no water for the people to drink. ²Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the Lord? ³And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this *that* thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our

children and our cattle with thirst? ⁴And Moses cried unto the Lord saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me. ⁵And the Lord said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us, or not?

⁸Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. ⁹And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to-morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. ¹⁰So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. ¹²But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were

steady until the going down of the sun. ¹³And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

¹⁴And the Lord said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. ¹⁵And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi: ¹⁶For he said, Because the Lord hath sworn that the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

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18 When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and that the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt; ²Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back, ³And her two sons; of whom the name of the one was Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land: ⁴And the name of the other was Eliezer; for the God of my father, said he, was mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh: ⁵And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God: ⁶And he said unto Moses, I thy father-in-law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her. ⁷And Moses went out to meet his father-in-

law, and did obeizance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of *their* welfare; and they came into the tent. ⁸And Moses told his father-in-law all that the Lord had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, *and* all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and *how* the Lord delivered them. ⁹And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the Lord had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians. ¹⁰And Jethro said, Blessed be the Lord, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. ¹¹Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly *he was* above them. ¹²And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt-offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

¹³And it came to pass on the morrow: that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening. ¹⁴And when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even? ¹⁵And Moses said unto his father-in-law, Because the people came unto me to inquire of God: ¹⁶When

they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make *them* know the statutes of God, and his laws. ¹⁷And Moses' father-in-law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good. ¹⁸Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone. ¹⁹Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: ²⁰And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. ²¹Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: ²²And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, *that* every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee. ²³If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee *so*, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace. ²⁴So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said. ²⁵And Moses chose able men out of all

Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. ²⁶And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

²⁷And Moses let his father-in-law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

19 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they *into* the wilderness of Sinai. ²For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come *to* the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. ³And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; ⁴'Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. ⁵Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine: ⁶And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. *These are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. ⁷And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the Lord commanded

him. ⁸And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord. ⁹And the Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the Lord. ¹⁰And the Lord said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to-day and to-morrow, and let them wash their clothes, ¹¹And be ready against the third day: for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. ¹²And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, *that ye go not up* into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: ¹³There shall not a hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount. ¹⁴And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes. ¹⁵And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not near a woman.

¹⁶And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding

loud; so that all the people that *were* in the camp trembled. ¹⁷And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. ¹⁸And mount Sinai was altogether on smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. ¹⁹And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder, and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by a voice. ²⁰And the Lord came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the Lord called Moses *up* to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. ²¹And the Lord said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish. ²²And let the priests also, that come near to the Lord, sanctify themselves, lest the Lord break forth upon them. ²³And Moses said unto the Lord, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it. ²⁴And the Lord said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the Lord, lest he break forth upon them. ²⁵So Moses went down unto the people, and spoke unto them.

20 And God spoke all these words, saying,

²I am the Lord thy God who have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

³Thou shalt have no other gods before me. ⁴Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of *any thing* that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: ⁵Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; ⁶And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

⁷Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: ¹⁰But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God; *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

¹²Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the

Lord thy God giveth thee.

¹³Thou shalt not kill.

¹⁴Thou shalt not commit adultery.

¹⁵Thou shalt not steal.

¹⁶Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

¹⁷Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

¹⁸And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. ¹⁹And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. ²⁰And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. ²¹And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

²²And the Lord said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. ²³Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold. ²⁴An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I

record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. ²⁵And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it. ²⁶Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

משפטים

21 Now these *are* the judgments which thou shalt set before them.

²If thou buy a Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. ³If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him. ⁴If his master have given him a wife, and she have borne him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself. ⁵And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: ⁶Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him for ever.

⁷And if a man sell his daughter to be a maid-servant, she shall not go out as the men-servants do. ⁸If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed:

to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her. ⁹And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.

¹⁰If he take him another wife; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish. ¹¹And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money.

¹²He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death. ¹³And if a man lie not in wait, but God let it come into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.

¹⁴But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile: thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

¹⁵And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

¹⁶And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

¹⁷And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

¹⁸And if men strive together, and one smite another with a stone, or with his fist, and he die not, but keepeth his bed: ¹⁹If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote him be quit: only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed.

²⁰And if a man smite his ser-

vant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely punished. ²¹Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he is his money.

²²If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. ²³And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, ²⁴Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

²⁶And if a man smite the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, and destroy it; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake. ²⁷And if he smite out his manservant's tooth, or his maid-servant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

²⁸If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit. ²⁹But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death. ³⁰If there be laid on him a sum of money, then he shall give for the ransom of his life

whatsoever is laid upon him. ¹¹Whether he have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him. ¹²If the ox shall push a man-servant or a maid-servant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

¹³And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein; ¹⁴The owner of the pit shall make it good, and give money unto the owner of them; and the dead beast shall be his.

¹⁵And if one man's ox hurt another's, that he die; then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the money of it; and the dead ox also they shall divide. ¹⁶Or if it be known that the ox was wont to gore in time past, and his owner hath not kept him in; he shall surely pay ox for ox; and the dead shall be his own.

¹⁷If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep.

22 If a thief be found breaking in, and be smitten that he die, *there shall no blood be shed for him.* ²If the sun be risen upon him, *there shall be blood shed for him; for he should make full restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.* ³If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double.

⁴If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.

⁵If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, be consumed *therewith*; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

⁶If a man shall deliver unto his neighbour money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the man's house; if the thief be found, let him pay double. ⁷If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall be brought unto the judges, *to see whether he have put his hand unto his neighbour's goods.* ⁸For all manner of trespass, *whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, which another challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; and whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.*

⁹If a man deliver unto his neighbour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it: ¹⁰Then shall an oath of the Lord be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods; and the owner of it shall accept *thereof*, and he shall not make it good. ¹¹And if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitu-

tion unto the owner thereof. ¹²If it be torn in pieces, *then* let him bring it *for* witness, *and* he shall not make good that which was torn.

¹³And if a man borrow *ought* of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof *being* not with it, he shall surely make it good. ¹⁴But if the owner thereof be with it, he shall not make it good: if it be a hired thing, it came for his hire.

¹⁵And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife. ¹⁶If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

¹⁷Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

¹⁸Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.

¹⁹He that sacrificeth unto *any* god, save unto the Lord only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

²⁰Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

²¹Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. ²²If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; ²³And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

²⁴If thou lend money to *any* of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as a

usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

²⁵If thou at all take thy neighbour's raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by *the* time the sun goeth down: ²⁶For that is his covering only, it is his raiment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I am gracious.

²⁷Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

²⁸Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the first-born of thy sons shalt thou give unto me. ²⁹Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, *and* with thy sheep: seven days it shall be with its dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it me.

³⁰And ye shall be holy men unto me: neither shall ye eat *any* flesh that is torn of beasts in the field; ye shall cast it to the dogs.

23 Thou shalt not take up a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. ²Thou shalt not follow a multitude to *do* evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment: ³Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause.

⁴If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again.

⁵If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help

him, thou shalt surely help with him.

⁶Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause. ⁷Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous say thou not: for I will not justify the wicked. ⁸And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.

⁹Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

¹⁰And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof: ¹¹But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, and with thy oliveyard.

¹²Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.

¹³And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

¹⁴Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. ¹⁵Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou

camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)

¹⁶And the feast of harvest, the first-fruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, *which is* in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field. ¹⁷Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord God.

¹⁸Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning.

¹⁹The first of the first-fruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the Lord thy God.

Thou shalt not seethe a kid in its mother's milk.

²⁰Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. ²¹Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name *is* in him. ²²But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. ²³For mine angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I will cut them off. ²⁴Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images. ²⁵And ye shall serve the

Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. ²⁶There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil. ²⁷I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee. ²⁸And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. ²⁹I will not drive them out from before thee in one year: lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. ³⁰By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land. ³¹And I will set thy bounds from the Red Sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee. ³²Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. ³³They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.

24 And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the Lord, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off. ²And Moses alone shall come near the Lord: but they shall not come

nigh; neither shall the people go up with him.

³And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord hath said will we do. ⁴And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵And he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings of oxen unto the Lord. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the hearing of the people: and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. ⁸And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words. ⁹Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: ¹⁰And they saw the God of Israel: and *there was* under his feet as it were a paved work of brilliant sapphire, and as it were the body of heaven in its clearness. ¹¹And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

¹²And the Lord said unto Moses,

Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee the tables of stone, and the law, and the commandment which I have written that thou mayest teach them. ¹³And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God. ¹⁴And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them. ¹⁵And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. ¹⁶And the glory of the Lord abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. ¹⁸And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and got him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

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25 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man who giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. ²And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, ³And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, ⁴And rams' skins

dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim-wood, ⁵Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for incense of spices. ⁶Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate. ⁷And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. ⁸According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

⁹And they shall make an ark of shittim-wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. ¹⁰And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about. ¹¹And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it. ¹²And thou shalt make staves of shittim-wood, and overlay them with gold. ¹³And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. ¹⁴The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it. ¹⁵And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.

¹⁶And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. ¹⁷And thou shalt make

two cherubim of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. ¹⁹And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: *even* of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubim on the two ends thereof. ²⁰And the cherubim shall stretch forth *their* wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces *shall look* one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be. ²¹And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. ²²And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

²³Thou shalt also make a table of shittim-wood: two cubits *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. ²⁴And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about. ²⁵And thou shalt make unto it a border of a handbreadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about. ²⁶And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that *are* on the four feet thereof. ²⁷Over against the border shall the rings

be for places of the staves to bear the table. ²⁸And thou shalt make the staves of shittim-wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them. ²⁹And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and bowls thereof, and purifying vessels thereof, to pour out withal: of pure gold shalt thou make them. ³⁰And thou shalt set upon the table shewbread before me always.

³¹And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: its shaft, and its branches, its bowls, its knobs, and its flowers, shall be of the same. ³²And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side: ³³Three bowls made like unto almonds, *with* a knob and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, *with* a knob and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick. ³⁴And in the candlestick *shall be* four bowls made like unto almonds, *with* their knobs and their flowers. ³⁵And *there shall be* a knob under two branches of the same, and a knob under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick. ³⁶Their knobs and their branches shall be of the same: all it *shall be* one beaten work of pure gold. ³⁷And thou

shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it. ²⁸And the tongs thereof, and the snuff-dishes thereof, shall be of pure gold. ²⁹Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels. ³⁰And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewn thee in the mount.

26 Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubim of cunning work shalt thou make them. ²The length of one curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure. ³The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another: and other five curtains shall be coupled one to another. ⁴And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvege in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of another curtain, in the coupling of the second. ⁵Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another. ⁶And thou shalt make fifty hooks of gold, and couple the curtains together with the hooks: and it shall be one tabernacle.

⁷And thou shalt make curtains

of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make. ⁸The length of one curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains shall be all of one measure. ⁹And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle. ¹⁰And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second. ¹¹And thou shalt make fifty hooks of brass, and put the hooks into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one. ¹²And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle. ¹³And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it.

¹⁴And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins above.

¹⁵And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle of shittim-wood standing up. ¹⁶Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board. ¹⁷Two tenons shall there be in one board, set in order

one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle. ¹⁸And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward. ¹⁹And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under another board for its two tenons. ²⁰And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side *there shall be* twenty boards. ²¹And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. ²²And for the sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards. ²³And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides. ²⁴And they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners. ²⁵And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

²⁶And thou shalt make bars of shittim-wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, ²⁷And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward. ²⁸And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end. ²⁹And thou shalt overlay the

boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold. ³⁰And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewn thee in the mount.

³¹And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubim shall it be made: ³²And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim-wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver. ³³And thou shalt hang up the veil under the hooks, that thou mayest bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy. ³⁴And thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place. ³⁵And thou shalt set the table without the veil, and the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side. ³⁶And thou shalt make a hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework. ³⁷And thou shalt make for the hanging five pillars of shittim-wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

27 And thou shalt make an altar of shittim-wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the

altar shall be four-square; and the height thereof shall be three cubits. ²And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: its horns shall be of the same: and thou shalt overlay it with brass. ³And thou shalt make its pots to receive its ashes, and its shovels, and its basins, and its flesh-hooks, and its fire-pans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass. ⁴And thou shalt make for it a grate of network of brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brazen rings in the four corners thereof. ⁵And thou shalt put it under the compass of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midst of the altar. ⁶And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves of shittim-wood, and overlay them with brass. ⁷And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it. ⁸Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: as it was shewn thee in the mount, so shall they make it.

⁹And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen of a hundred cubits long for one side: ¹⁰And the twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets shall be of brass; the hooks of its pillars and their fillets shall be of silver. ¹¹And likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings of a hundred cubits long, and its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets

of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver. ¹²And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. ¹³And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits. ¹⁴The hangings of one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. ¹⁵And on the other side shall be hangings fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. ¹⁶And for the gate of the court shall be a hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework: and their pillars shall be four, and their sockets four. ¹⁷All the pillars round about the court shall be filleted with silver; their hooks shall be of silver, and their sockets of brass. ¹⁸The length of the court shall be a hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty by fifty, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass. ¹⁹All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and the pins of the court, shall be of brass.

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²⁰And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always. ²¹In the tabernacle of the congregation without the veil, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it

from evening to morning before the Lord: *it shall be* a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

28 And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, *even* Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons. ²And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty. ³And thou shalt speak unto all *that are* wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

⁴And these *are* the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a brodered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. ⁵And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

⁶And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work. ⁷It shall have the two shoulder-pieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof; and *so* it shall be joined together. ⁸And the curious girdle of the ephod, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof;

even of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. ⁹And thou shalt take two onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel: ¹⁰Six of their names on one stone, and *the other* six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth. ¹¹With the work of an engraver in stone, *like* the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches of gold. ¹²And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod for stones of memorial unto the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before the Lord upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

¹³And thou shalt make ouches of gold; ¹⁴And two chains of pure gold at the ends; of wreathen work shalt thou make them, and fasten the wreathen chains to the settings.

¹⁵And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen, shalt thou make it. ¹⁶Four-square it shall be *being* doubled: a span shall be the length thereof, and a span shall be the breadth thereof. ¹⁷And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, *even* four rows of stones: *the first row shall be* a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: *this shall be* the first row. ¹⁸And the second row shall be an emer-

ald, a sapphire, and a diamond. ¹⁹And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst. ²⁰And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings. ²¹And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes. ²²And thou shalt make upon the breastplate chains at the ends of wreathen work of pure gold. ²³And thou shalt make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. ²⁴And thou shalt put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings *which are* on the ends of the breastplate. ²⁵And *the other* two ends of the two wreathen chains thou shalt fasten in the two ouches, and put *them* on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod before it. ²⁶And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breastplate in the border thereof, which is in the side of the ephod inward. ²⁷And two *other* rings of gold thou shalt make, and shalt put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart thereof over against the *other* coupling thereof, above the girdle of the ephod. ²⁸And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be above the girdle of the ephod, and that

the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod. ²⁹And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy *place*, for a memorial before the Lord continually. ³⁰And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the Lord: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the Lord continually.

³¹And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all of blue. ³²And there shall be a hole in the top of it, in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of a habergeon, that it be not rent. ³³And *beneath* upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about: ³⁴A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about. ³⁵And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy *place* before the Lord, and when he cometh out, that he die not.

³⁶And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. ³⁷And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the

mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be. ³⁸And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the Lord.

³⁹And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre of fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle of needlework. ⁴⁰And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty. ⁴¹And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office. ⁴²And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach; ⁴³And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die; *it shall be a statute* for ever unto him and his seed after him.

29

And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest's office: Take one young bullock and two rams without blemish, ²And unleavened

bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil of wheaten flour shalt thou make them. ³And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams. ⁴And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water. ⁵And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the girdle of the ephod: ⁶And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre. ⁷Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him. ⁸And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them. ⁹And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.

¹⁰And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock. ¹¹And thou shalt kill the bullock before the Lord, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹²And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the

blood beside the bottom of the altar. ¹³And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul *that is* above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and burn *them* upon the altar. ¹⁴But the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it *is* a sin-offering.

¹⁵Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. ¹⁶And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkle *it* round about upon the altar. ¹⁷And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inwards of him, and his legs, and put *them* unto his pieces, and unto his head. ¹⁸And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar; it *is* a burnt-offering unto the Lord: it *is* a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

¹⁹And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. ²⁰Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about. ²¹And thou shalt take of the blood that *is* upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle *it* upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the

garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. ²²Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and the right shoulder; for it *is* a ram of consecration: ²³And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that *is* before the Lord: ²⁴And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons; and shalt wave *them* for a wave-offering before the Lord. ²⁵And thou shalt receive *them* of their hands, and burn *them* upon the altar for a burnt-offering, for a sweetsavour before the Lord: it *is* an offering made by fire unto the Lord. ²⁶And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave *it* for a wave-offering before the Lord: and it shall be thy part. ²⁷And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave-offering, and the shoulder of the heave-offering, which *is* waved, and which *is* heaved up, of the ram of the consecration, *even* of *that* which *is* for Aaron, and of *that* which *is* for his sons: ²⁸And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute for ever from the children of Israel: for it *is* a heave-offering: and it shall be a heave-offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace-offerings,

even their heave-offering unto the Lord.

²⁹And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them. ³⁰And that son that is priest in his stead shall put them on seven days, when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the holy place.

³¹And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and seethe his flesh in the holy place. ³²And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ³³And they shall eat those things wherewith the atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them; but a stranger shall not eat thereof, because they are holy. ³⁴And if ought of the flesh of the consecrations, or of the bread, remain unto the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire; it shall not be eaten, because it is holy.

³⁵And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to all things which I have commanded thee: seven days shalt thou consecrate them. ³⁶And thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a sin-offering for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it. ³⁷Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: whatsoever

toucheth the altar shall be holy.

³⁸Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually. ³⁹The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even: ⁴⁰And with the one lamb a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink-offering. ⁴¹And the other lamb thou shalt offer at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meal-offering of the morning, and according to the drink-offering thereof, for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the Lord. ⁴²This shall be a continual burnt-offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the Lord: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee. ⁴³And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory. ⁴⁴And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office. ⁴⁵And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God. ⁴⁶And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I am the Lord their God.

30 And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim-wood shalt thou make it.

*A cubit *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; four-square shall it be: and two cubits *shall be* the height thereof: the horns thereof *shall be* of the same. ³And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about. ⁴And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make it; and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal. ⁵And thou shalt make the staves of shittim-wood, and overlay them with gold. ⁶And thou shalt put it before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee. ⁷And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it. ⁸And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations. ⁹Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt-sacrifice, nor meal-offering; neither shall ye pour drink-offering thereon. ¹⁰And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin-offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations:

it is most holy unto the Lord.

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¹¹And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹²When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the Lord, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when *thou* numberest them. ¹³This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel is twenty gerahs:) half a shekel *shall be* the offering of the Lord. ¹⁴Every one that passeth among them who are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the Lord. ¹⁵The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when *they* give an offering unto the Lord, to make an atonement for your souls. ¹⁶And thou shalt take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shall appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the Lord, to make an atonement for your souls.

¹⁷And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹⁸Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and its foot *also* of brass, to wash *withal*: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. ¹⁹For Aaron and his sons

shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: ²⁰When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire unto the Lord: ²¹So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not; and it shall be a statute for ever to them, *even* to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

²²Moreover the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²³Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred *shekels*, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, *even* two hundred and fifty *shekels*, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty *shekels*. ²⁴And of cassia five hundred *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive oil a hin: ²⁵And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be a holy anointing oil. ²⁶And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony. ²⁷And the table and all its vessels, and the candiestick and its vessels, and the altar of incense. ²⁸And the altar of burnt-offering with all its vessels, and the laver and its foot. ²⁹And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy. ³⁰And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that *they* may minister unto me in the priest's office.

³¹And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be a holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations: ³²Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make *any* other like it, after the composition of it: it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you. ³³Whosoever compoundeth *any* like it, or whosoever putteth *any* of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.

³⁴And the Lord said unto Moses Take unto thee sweet spices stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; *these* sweet spices with pure frankincense; of each shall there be a like *weight*: ³⁵And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary tempered together, pure and holy. ³⁶And thou shalt beat *some* of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet thee: it shall be unto you most holy. ³⁷And *as for* the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the Lord. ³⁸Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereof shall be cut off from his people.

31 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: ³And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of

workmanship. ⁴To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, ⁵And in cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. ⁶And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee; ⁷The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle, ⁸And the table and its furniture, and the pure candlestick with all its furniture, and the altar of incense, ⁹And the altar of burnt-offering with all its furniture, and the laver and its foot, ¹⁰And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office, ¹¹And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

¹²And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹³Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. ¹⁴Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth

any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. ¹⁵Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. ¹⁶Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. ¹⁷It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

¹⁸And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

32 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him. ²And Aaron said unto them, Take off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring *them* unto me. ³And all the people took off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought *them* unto Aaron. ⁴And he received *them* at their hand, and fashioned it in a mould, and

he made it a molten calf: and they said, These *be* thy gods, O Israel, that brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. ⁵And when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To-morrow is a feast to the Lord. ⁶And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt-offerings, and brought peace-offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

⁷And the Lord said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, whom thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted *themselves*: ⁸They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These *be* thy gods, O Israel, that have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. ⁹And the Lord said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiff-necked people: ¹⁰Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. ¹¹And Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, whom thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? ¹²Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains,

and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac and Israel thy servants, to whom thou didst swear by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto you; and they shall inherit *it* forever. ¹⁴And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

¹⁵And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony *were* in his hand: the tables *were* written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other *were* they written. ¹⁶And the table *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God graven upon the tables. ¹⁷And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, *There is a noise of war in the camp.* ¹⁸And he said *It is not the voice of them who shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them who cry for being overcome: but the noise of them who sing do I hear.* ¹⁹And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and broke them beneath his feet. ²⁰And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt *it* in the fire, and ground *it* to

powder, and strewed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it. ²¹And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

²²And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my Lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they *are set on mischief*. ²³For they said unto me, Make us gods, that shall go before us: for *as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him*.

²⁴And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them take it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf. ²⁵And when Moses saw that the people had become unruly; (for Aaron had made them unruly, for a disgrace among their enemies:) ²⁶Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who *is on the Lord's side? let him come* unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

²⁷And he said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour. ²⁸And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. ²⁹For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to-day to the Lord, even every

man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day. ³⁰And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin. ³¹And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. ³²Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. ³³And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. ³⁴Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold mine angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them. ³⁵And the Lord plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

33 And the Lord said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people that thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I swore unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it: ²And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: ³Unto a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in the midst of thee: for thou art a stiff-necked people:

lest I consume thee in the way. ⁴And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments. ⁵For the Lord had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye *are* a stiff-necked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee. ⁶And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.

⁷And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, *that* every one who sought the Lord went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which *was* without the camp. ⁸And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, *that* all the people rose up, and stood every man *at* his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle. ⁹And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood *at* the door of the tabernacle, and *the* Lord talked with Moses. ¹⁰And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand *at* the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man *in* his tent door. ¹¹And the Lord spoke unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but

his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

¹²And Moses said unto the Lord, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. ¹³Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation *is* thy people. ¹⁴And he said, My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest. ¹⁵And he said unto him, If thy presence go not *with me*, carry us not up hence. ¹⁶For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? *is it* not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that *are* upon the face of the earth. ¹⁷And the Lord said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. ¹⁸And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. ¹⁹And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. ²⁰And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. ²¹And the Lord

said, Behold, *there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:* ²²And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by; ²³And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

34 And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon *these* tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou didst break. ²And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount. ³And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount. ⁴And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. ⁵And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. ⁶And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, ⁷Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the in-

iquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. ⁸And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. ⁹And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

¹⁰And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among whom thou art shall see the work of the Lord: for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee. ¹¹Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. ¹²Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: ¹³But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: ¹⁴For thou shalt worship no other god: for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God: ¹⁵Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go astray after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice; ¹⁶And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons,

and their daughters go astray after their gods, and make thy sons go astray after their gods. ¹⁷Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

¹⁸The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.

¹⁹All that openeth the womb is mine; and every firstling among thy cattle that is male, *whether* ox or sheep. ²⁰But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem *him* not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the first-born of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty.

²¹Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in ploughing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

²²And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the first-fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

²³Thrice in the year shall all your males appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel. ²⁴For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the Lord thy God thrice in the year.

²⁵Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning.

²⁶The first of the first-fruits thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid its mother's milk.

²⁷And the Lord said unto Moses: Write thou these words: for a the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee: with Israel. ²⁸And he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

²⁹And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses knew not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. ³⁰And when Aaron and the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone: and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the children of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. ³²And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment that the Lord had spoken with him in mount Sinai. ³³And Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. ³⁴But when Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake

into the children of Israel *that* which he was commanded. ⁹And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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¹⁵ And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, These are the words which the Lord hath commanded, that ye should do them. ²Six days shall the work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you a holy day, a sabbath of rest to the Lord: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death. ³Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day. ⁴And Moses spoke unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying, ⁵Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord; gold, and silver, and brass, ⁶and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair. ⁷And men's skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim-wood, ⁸and for the light, and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense, ⁹And onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod, and for the breastplate. ¹⁰And every wise-hearted among you shall come, and make all that the Lord hath commanded; ¹¹The

tabernacle, its tent, and its covering, its hooks, and its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets, ¹²The ark, and the staves thereof, with the mercy seat, and the veil of the covering, ¹³The table, and its staves, and all its vessels, and the shewbread, ¹⁴The candlesticks also for the light, and its furniture, and its lamps, with the oil for the light, ¹⁵And the incense altar, and its staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the door at the entrance of the tabernacle, ¹⁶The altar of burnt-offering, with its brazen grate, its staves, and all its vessels, the laver and its foot, ¹⁷The hangings of the court, its pillars, and their sockets, and the hanging for the door of the court, ¹⁸The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords, ¹⁹The cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office.

²⁰And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. ²¹And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments. ²²And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing-hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and

beads, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered an offering of gold unto the Lord. ²³And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought *them*. ²⁴Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the Lord's offering: and every man, with whom was found shittim-wood for any work of the service, brought *it*. ²⁵And all the women who were wise-hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, *both* of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen. ²⁶And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair. ²⁷And the rulers brought onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate; ²⁸And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense. ²⁹The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the Lord, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the Lord had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

³⁰And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the Lord hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; ³¹And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; ³²And to devise

cunning works, to work in gold and in silver, and in brass, ³³And in the cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of wood to make any manner of cunning work. ³⁴And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, *both* him and Aholiab, the son of Ahi-samach, of the tribe of Dan. ³⁵Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, *even* of the that do any work, and of the that devise cunning work.

36 Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding, know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded.

²And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, *even* every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it: ³And they received of Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make *withal*. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning. ⁴And all the wise men, whom the Lord wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made; ⁵And they spoke unto Moses, saying, T

people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make. ⁶And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing. ⁷For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

⁸And every wise-hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubim of cunning work made them. ⁹The length of one curtain was twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: the curtains were all of one size. ¹⁰And he coupled the five curtains one unto another: and the other five curtains he coupled one unto another. ¹¹And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain from the selvege of the coupling: likewise he made in the uttermost side of another curtain, in the coupling of the second. ¹²Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain which was in the coupling of the second: the loops held one curtain to another. ¹³And he made fifty hooks of gold, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the hooks: so it became one tabernacle.

¹⁴And he made curtains of goats'

hair for the tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them. ¹⁵The length of one curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits was the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains were of one size. ¹⁶And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves. ¹⁷And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second. ¹⁸And he made fifty hooks of brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one. ¹⁹And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins above that.

²⁰And he made boards for the tabernacle of shittim-wood, standing up. ²¹The length of a board was ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half. ²²One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle. ²³And he made boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the south side southward: ²⁴And forty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under another board for its two tenons. ²⁵And for the other side of the tabernacle, which is toward the north corner, he made twenty boards, ²⁶And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. ²⁷And

for the sides of the tabernacle westward he made six boards.

²⁹And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides. ²⁰And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to one ring: thus he did to both of them in both the corners. ³⁰And there were eight boards; and their sockets were sixteen sockets of silver, under every board two sockets.

³¹And he made bars of shittim-wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, ³²And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides westward. ³³And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other. ³⁴And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold to be places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

³⁵And he made a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubim made he it of cunning work. ³⁶And he made thereunto four pillars of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold: their hooks were of gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver.

³⁷And he made a hanging for the tabernacle door of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of needlework; ³⁸And the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their capitals and their fillets with gold:

but their five sockets were brass.

37 And Bezaleel made the ark of shittim-wood: two cub and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it: ²And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold it round about. ³And he cast in it four rings of gold, to be set in the four corners of it; even two rings upon the one side of it, and two rings upon the other side of it. ⁴And he made staves of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold. ⁵And he put the staves in the rings by the sides of the ark to bear the ark.

⁶And he made the mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half was the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof. ⁷And he made two cherubim of gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy seat; ⁸One cherub on the end on this side, and another cherub on the other end on that side; out of the mercy seat made he the cherubim on the two ends thereof. ⁹And the cherubim spread out their wings on high, and covered with their wings over the mercy seat, with their faces one to another; and toward the mercy seat were the faces of the cherubim.

¹⁰And he made the table of shittim-wood: two cubits was the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit a

a half the height thereof: ¹¹And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about. ¹²Also he made thereunto a border of a handbreadth round about; and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about. ¹³And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four corners that were in the four feet thereof. ¹⁴Over against the border were the rings, the places for the staves to bear the table. ¹⁵And he made the staves of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table. ¹⁶And he made the vessels which were upon the table, its dishes, and its spoons, and its purifying vessels, and its bowls to pour withal, of pure gold. ¹⁷And he made the candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work made the candlestick; its shaft, and its branch, its bowls, its knobs, and its flowers, were of the same: And six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side thereof: ¹⁸Three bowls made after the fashion of almonds in one branch, a knob and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch, a knob and a flower; so throughout the six branches going out of the candlestick. ²⁰And in the candlestick were four bowls made like almonds, its knobs, and its flowers: And a knob under two branches of the same, and a knob under

two branches of the same, and a knob under two branches of the same, according to the six branches going out of it. ²²Their knobs and their branches were of the same: all of it was one beaten work of pure gold. ²³And he made its seven lamps, and its snuffers, and its snuff-dishes, of pure gold. ²⁴Of a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof.

²⁵And he made the incense altar of shittim-wood: the length of it was a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit; it was four-square; and two cubits was the height of it; the horns thereof were of the same. ²⁶And he overlaid it with pure gold, both the top of it, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he made unto it a crown of gold round about.

²⁷And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be places for the staves to bear it withal.

²⁸And he made the staves of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold.

²⁹And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

38 And he made the altar of burnt-offering of shittim-wood: five cubits was the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof; it was four-square; and three cubits the height thereof. ²And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of the same:

and he overlaid it with brass. ³And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basins, and the flesh-hooks, and the fire-pans: all the vessels thereof made he of brass. ⁴And he made for the altar a brazen grate of network under the compass thereof beneath unto the midst of it. ⁵And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, to be places for the staves. ⁶And he made the staves of shittim-wood, and overlaid them with brass. ⁷And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made the altar hollow with boards.

⁸And he made the laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the looking-glasses of the women assembling, who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

⁹And he made the court: on the south side southward the hangings of the court were of fine twined linen, a hundred cubits: ¹⁰Their pillars were twenty, and their brazen sockets twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver, ¹¹And for the north side the hangings were a hundred cubits, their pillars were twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver. ¹²And for the west side were hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver. ¹³And for the east

side eastward fifty cubits. ¹⁴The hangings of the one side of the gate were fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. ¹⁵And for the other side of the court gate, on this hand and the other hand, were hangings of fifty cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. ¹⁶All the hangings of the court round about were of fine twined linen. ¹⁷And the sockets for the pillars were brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver; and the overlaying of their capitals of silver; and all the pillars of the court were filleted with silver.

¹⁸And the hanging for the gate of the court was needlework, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and the length was twenty cubits, and the breadth was six cubits, answerable to the hanging of the court. ¹⁹And their pillars were four, and their sockets of brass four; their hooks of silver and the overlaying of their capitals and their fillets of silver. ²⁰And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about, were of brass.

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²¹These are the accounts of the tabernacle, even of the tabernacle of testimony, as they were made according to the commandment which Moses, for the service of the Lord, gave to Aaron the priest. ²²And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made

that the Lord commanded Moses. ²³And with him *was* Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen. ²⁴All the gold that *was* occupied for the work in all the work of the holy *place*, even the gold of the offering, *was* twenty and nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary. ²⁵And the silver of them that *were* numbered of the congregation *was* a hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: ²⁶A beka for every man, *that is*, half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that *went* to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty men. ²⁷And of the hundred talents of silver *were* cast the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the veil; a hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket. ²⁸And of the thousand seven hundred seventy and five *shekels* he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their capitals, and filleted them. ²⁹And the brass of the offering *was* seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels. ³⁰And therewith he made the sockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the brazen altar, and the brazen grate for it, and all the vessels of the

altar, ³¹And the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the court gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

39 And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy *place*, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the Lord commanded Moses.

¹And he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. ²And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, with cunning work. ³They made shoulder-pieces for it, to couple it together: by the two edges *was* it coupled together. ⁴And the band for girding it on, that *was* upon it, *was* of the same, according to the work thereof; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the Lord commanded Moses. ⁵And they wrought onyx stones inclosed in ouches of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Israel. ⁶And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, *that they should be* stones for a memorial to the children of Israel; as the Lord commanded Moses.

⁷And he made the breastplate of cunning work, like the work of the ephod; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. ⁸It *was* four-square; they

made the breastplate double: a span *was* the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, *being* doubled. ¹⁰And they set in it four rows of stones: *the first row was* a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: *this was* the first row. ¹¹And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. ¹²And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst. ¹³And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: *they were* inclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings. ¹⁴And the stones *were* according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes. ¹⁵And they made upon the breastplate chains at the ends, *of* wreathen work of pure gold. ¹⁶And they made two ouches of gold, and two gold rings; and put the two rings in the two ends of the breastplate. ¹⁷And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate. ¹⁸And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they fastened in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, before it. ¹⁹And they made two rings of gold, and put *them* on the two ends of the breastplate, upon the border of it, which *was* on the side of the ephod inward. ²⁰And they made two *other* golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart of it, over against the *other* coupling there-

of, above the band of the ephod. ²¹And they did bind the breastplate by its rings unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be above the band of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the ephod; as the Lord commanded Moses.

²²And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue. ²³And *there was* a hole in the midst of the robe, as the hole of a habergeon, *with* a band round about the hole, that it should not rend. ²⁴And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twined linen. ²⁵And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates; ²⁶A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about the hem of the robe to minister in; as the Lord commanded Moses.

²⁷And they made coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons, ²⁸And a mitre of fine linen, and goodly bonnets of fine linen, and linen breeches of fine twined linen. ²⁹And a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needlework; as the Lord commanded Moses.

³⁰And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, *like* the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. ³¹And

they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten it on high upon the mitre; as the Lord commanded Moses.

³²Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so did they.

³³And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tent, and all its furniture, its boards, its boards, its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, ³⁴And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and the veil of the covering, ³⁵The ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy seat, ³⁶The table, and all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread, ³⁷The pure candlestick, with the lamps thereof, *even with the lamps to be set in order*, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for light, ³⁸And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door, ³⁹The brazen altar, and its grate of brass, its staves, and all its vessels, the laver and its foot, ⁴⁰The hangings of the court, its pillars, and its sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, its cords, and its pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation, ⁴¹The cloths of service to do service in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister

in the priest's office.

⁴²According to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work.

⁴³And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the Lord had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

40 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. ³And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the veil. ⁴And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof. ⁵And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle. ⁶And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt-offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. ⁷And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein. ⁸And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate.

⁹And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy. ¹⁰And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt-offering, and all its vessels, and

sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy. ¹¹And thou shalt anoint the laver and its foot, and sanctify it.

¹²And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water. ¹³And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. ¹⁴And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats: ¹⁵And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

¹⁶Thus did Moses: according to all that the Lord commanded him, so did he.

¹⁷And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first *day* of the month, *that* the tabernacle was reared up. ¹⁸And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened its sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up its pillars. ¹⁹And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the Lord commanded Moses.

²⁰And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark: ²¹And he brought the ark into

the tabernacle, and set up the veil of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the Lord commanded Moses.

²²And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the veil. ²³And he set the bread in order upon the table before the Lord; as the Lord had commanded Moses.

²⁴And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward. ²⁵And he lighted the lamps before the Lord; as the Lord commanded Moses.

²⁶And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation before the veil: ²⁷And he burnt sweet incense thereon; as the Lord commanded Moses.

²⁸And he set up the hanging of the door of the tabernacle. ²⁹And he put the altar of burnt-offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt-offering and the meal-offering; as the Lord commanded Moses.

³⁰And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water therein to wash *withal*. ³¹And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereon. ³²When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the Lord commanded Moses.

"And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

"Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

"And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the Lord filled

the tabernacle. "And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:

"But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.

"For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

LEVITICUS

1 And the Lord called unto Moses, and spoke unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the Lord, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, *even* of the herd, and of the flock.

³If his offering *be* a burnt-sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the Lord. ⁴And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt-offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. ⁵And he shall kill the bullock before the Lord: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that *is by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁶And he shall flay the burnt-offering, and cut it into its pieces. ⁷And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire: ⁸And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that *is on* the fire which *is* upon the altar:

⁹But its inwards and its legs shall be washed in water: and the priest shall burn all on the altar, *to be* a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord.

¹⁰And if his offering *be* of the flocks, *namely*, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt-sacrifice he shall bring it a male without blemish. ¹¹And he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before the Lord: and the priests Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle its blood round about upon the altar. ¹²And he shall cut it into its pieces, with its head and its fat, and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that *is on* the fire which *is* upon the altar: ¹³But he shall wash the inwards and the legs with water: and the priest shall bring *it* all, and burn *it* upon the altar: it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire of a sweet savour unto the Lord.

¹⁴And if the burnt-sacrifice for his offering to the Lord *be* of fowls, then he shall bring his offering of turtle-doves, or of young pigeons. ¹⁵And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, and wring off its head, and burn *it* on the altar; and the blood thereof shall be wrung out at the side of the altar: ¹⁶And he shall pluck

away its crop with its feathers, and cast it beside the altar on the east part, by the place of the ashes: ¹⁷And he shall cleave it with the wings thereof, *but* shall not divide it asunder: and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that is upon the fire: it is a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord.

2 And when any one will offer a meal-offering unto the Lord, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon: ³And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall take thereout his handful of the flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof; and the priest shall burn the memorial of it upon the altar, *to be an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord:* ⁴And the remnant of the meal-offering shall be Aaron's and his sons': *it is a thing most holy of the offerings of the Lord made by fire.*

⁵And if thou bring an oblation of a meal-offering baked in the oven, *it shall be unleavened cakes and fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.*

⁶And if thy oblation be a meal-offering baked in a pan, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil. ⁷Thou shalt part it in pieces, and pour oil hereon: it is a meal-offering.

⁸And if thy oblation be a meal-offering baked in the frying-pan,

it shall be made of fine flour with oil.

⁹And thou shalt bring the meal-offering that is made of these things unto the Lord: and when it is presented unto the priest, he shall bring it unto the altar. ¹⁰And the priest shall take from the meal-offering a memorial thereof, and shall burn it upon the altar: *it is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord.* ¹¹And that which is left of the meal-offering shall be Aaron's and his sons': *it is a thing most holy of the offerings of the Lord made by fire.* ¹²No meal-offering, which ye shall bring unto the Lord, shall be made with leaven: for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in an offering of the Lord made by fire. ¹³As for the oblation of the first-fruits, ye shall offer them unto the Lord: but they shall not be burnt on the altar for a sweet savour. ¹⁴And every oblation of thy meal-offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meal-offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

¹⁵And if thou offer a meal-offering of thy first-fruits unto the Lord, thou shalt offer for the meal-offering of thy first-fruits green ears of corn dried by the fire, even corn beaten out of full ears. ¹⁶And thou shalt put oil upon it, and lay frankincense thereon: it is a meal-offering. ¹⁷And the priest shall burn the memorial of it, *part*

of the beaten corn thereof, and *part* of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: *it is* an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

3 And if his oblation *be* a sacrifice of peace-offering, if he offer *it* of the herd; whether *it be* a male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the Lord. ²And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about. ³And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace-offering an offering made by fire unto the Lord; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards, ⁴And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* on them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away. ⁵And Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt-sacrifice, which *is* upon the wood that *is* on the fire: *it is* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord.

⁶And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace-offering unto the Lord *be* of the flock; male or female, he shall offer it without blemish. ⁷If he offer a lamb for his offering, then shall he offer it before the Lord. ⁸And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation:

and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle the blood thereof round about upon the altar. ⁹And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace-offering an offering made by fire unto the Lord; the fat thereof, *and* the whole rump, it shall he take off hard by the back-bone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards, ¹⁰And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away. ¹¹And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: *it is* the food of the offering made by fire unto the Lord.

¹²And if his offering *be* a goat, then he shall offer it before the Lord. ¹³And he shall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about. ¹⁴And he shall offer thereof his offering, *even* an offering made by fire unto the Lord: the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards, ¹⁵And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away. ¹⁶And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: *it is* the food of the offering made *by* fire for a sweet savour: all the fat *is* the Lord's. ¹⁷*It shall be* a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood.

4 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, saying,

If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the Lord, *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them: ³If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the Lord for a sin-offering. ⁴And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the Lord; and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the Lord. ⁵And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation: ⁶And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the Lord, before the veil of the sanctuary. ⁷And the priest shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the Lord, which is in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁸And he shall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the sin-offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, ⁹And the two kidneys, and the fat that is

upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away, ¹⁰As it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace-offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt-offering. ¹¹And the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung, ¹²Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth without the camp unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt.

¹³And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, and the thing be hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done *somewhat against* any of the commandments of the Lord *concerning things* which should not be done, and are guilty; ¹⁴When the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹⁵And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the Lord: and the bullock shall be killed before the Lord. ¹⁶And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation: ¹⁷And the priest shall dip his finger in *some* of the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the Lord, *even* before the veil. ¹⁸And he shall put *some*

of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before the Lord, that is in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹⁹And he shall take all his fat from him, and burn it upon the altar. ²⁰And he shall do with the bullock as he did with the bullock for a sin-offering, so shall he do with this: and the priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them. ²¹And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bullock: it is a sin-offering for the congregation.

²²When a ruler hath sinned, and done somewhat through ignorance against any of the commandments of the Lord his God concerning things which should not be done, and is guilty; ²³Or if his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish: ²⁴And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt-offering before the Lord: it is a sin-offering. ²⁵And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out its blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt-offering. ²⁶And he shall burn all its fat upon the altar, as the fat of the

sacrifice of peace-offerings: and the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

²⁷And if any one of the common people sin through ignorance, while he doeth somewhat against any of the commandments of the Lord concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty; ²⁸Or if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned. ²⁹And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and slay the sin-offering in the place of the burnt-offering. ³⁰And the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar. ³¹And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savour unto the Lord; and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him.

³²And if he bring a lamb for a sin-offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish. ³³And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and slay it for a sin-offering in the place where they kill the burnt-offering. ³⁴And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offer-

ing with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar: ³And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the Lord: and the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

5 And if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity. ²Or if a soul touch any unclean thing, whether it be a carcass of an unclean beast, or a carcass of unclean cattle, or the carcass of unclean creeping things, and if it be hidden from him; he also shall be unclean, and guilty. ³Or if he touch the uncleanness of man, whatsoever uncleanness it be that a man shall be defiled withal, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty. ⁴Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty in one of these.

And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing: ⁶And he

shall bring his trespass-offering unto the Lord for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin. ⁷And if he be not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring for his trespass, which he hath committed, two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, unto the Lord; one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering. ⁸And he shall bring them unto the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin-offering first, and wring off its head from its neck, but shall not divide it asunder: ⁹And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin-offering upon the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar: it is a sin-offering. ¹⁰And he shall offer the second for a burnt-offering, according to the manner: and the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin which he hath sinned, and it shall be forgiven him.

¹¹But if he be not able to bring two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, then he that sinned shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin-offering; he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put any frankincense thereon: for it is a sin-offering. ¹²Then shall he bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it, even a memorial thereof,

and burn it on the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the Lord: it is a sin-offering.

¹³And the priest shall make an atonement for him as touching his sin that he hath sinned in one of these, and it shall be forgiven him: and the remnant shall be the priest's, as a meal-offering.

¹⁴And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹⁵If a soul commit a trespass, and sin through ignorance, in the holy things of the Lord; then he shall bring for his trespass unto the Lord a ram without blemish out of the flocks, with thy estimation by shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass-offering: ¹⁶And he shall make amends for the harm that he hath done in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering, and it shall be forgiven him.

¹⁷And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the Lord; though he know it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity. ¹⁸And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass-offering, unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred and knew it not, and it shall be forgiven him. ¹⁹It is a trespass-offering: he hath certainly trespassed against the Lord.

²⁰And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²¹If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the Lord, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour; ²²Or have found that which was lost and lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein: ²³Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found, ²⁴Or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trespass-offering. ²⁵And he shall bring his trespass-offering unto the Lord, a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation for a trespass-offering, unto the priest: ²⁶And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord: and it shall be forgiven him for any thing of all that he hath done in trespassing therein.

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6 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Command Aaron and his sons, saying,

This is the law of the burnt-offering: It is the burnt-offering.

because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it. ³And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt-offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. ⁴And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place. ⁵And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt-offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace-offerings. ⁶The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out.

⁷And this is the law of the meal-offering: the sons of Aaron shall offer it before the Lord, before the altar. ⁸And he shall take of it his handful, of the flour of the meal-offerings, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincense which is upon the meal-offering, and shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savour, *even* the memorial of it, unto the Lord. ⁹And the remainder thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: with unleavened bread shall it be eaten in the holy place; in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they shall eat it. ¹⁰It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it unto them for their por-

tion of my offerings made by fire; it is most holy, as is the sin-offering, and as the trespass-offering. ¹¹All the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it. *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations concerning the offerings of the Lord made by fire: every one that toucheth them shall be holy.

¹²And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹³This is the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the Lord in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering perpetually, half of it in the morning, and half thereof at night. ¹⁴In a pan it shall be made with oil; and when it is baked, thou shalt bring it in: and the baked pieces of the meal-offering shalt thou offer for a sweet savour unto the Lord. ¹⁵And the priest of his sons that is anointed in his stead shall offer it: *it is* a statute for ever unto the Lord; it shall be wholly burnt. ¹⁶For every meal-offering for the priest shall be wholly burnt; it shall not be eaten.

¹⁷And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹⁸Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying,

This is the law of the sin-offering: In the place where the burnt-offering is killed shall the sin-offering be killed before the Lord: it is most holy. ¹⁹The priest that offereth it for sin shall eat it: in the holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation. ²⁰Whatsoever

shall touch the flesh thereof shall be holy: and when there is sprinkled of the blood thereof upon any garment, thou shalt wash that whereon it was sprinkled in the holy place. ²¹But the earthen vessel wherein it is sodden shall be broken: and if it be sodden in a brazen pot, it shall be both scoured and rinsed in water. ²²All the males among the priests shall eat thereof: it is most holy. ²³And no sin-offering, whereof *any* of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile *withal* in the holy *place*, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.

7 Likewise this is the law of the trespass-offering: it is most holy. ²In the place where they kill the burnt-offering shall they kill the trespass-offering: and the blood thereof shall he sprinkle round about upon the altar. ³And he shall offer of it all the fat thereof; the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, ⁴And the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and the caul *that is* above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away: ⁵And the priest shall burn them upon the altar for an offering made by fire unto the Lord: it is a trespass-offering. ⁶Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it shall be eaten in the holy place: it is most holy. ⁷As the sin-offering is, so is the trespass-offering: *there is* one law for them: the priest that maketh atonement therewith shall have it.

⁸And the priest that offereth an man's burnt-offering, *even* the priest shall have to himself the skin of the burnt-offering which he hath offered. ⁹And all the meal-offering that is baked in the oven, and all that is dressed in the frying-pan, and in the pan shall be the priest's that offereth it. ¹⁰And every meal-offering mingled with oil, and dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, *as much* as another.

¹¹And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which he shall offer unto the Lord. ¹²When he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried. ¹³Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace-offerings. ¹⁴And of it he shall offer one out of the whole oblation for a heave-offering unto the Lord, and it shall be the priest's that sprinkleth the blood of the peace-offerings. ¹⁵And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning. ¹⁶But if the sacrifice of his offering be a vow or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice: and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten: ¹⁷But the re

mainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burnt with fire. ¹⁸And if *any* of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear his iniquity. ¹⁹And the flesh that toucheth any unclean *thing* shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire: and as for the flesh, all that be clean shall eat thereof. ²⁰But the soul that eateth of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, that *pertain* unto the Lord, having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul shall be cut off from his people. ²¹Moreover the soul that shall touch any unclean *thing*, as the uncleanness of man, or *any* unclean beast, or any abominable unclean *thing*, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which *pertain* unto the Lord, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

²²And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²³Speak unto the children of Israel, saying,

Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat. ²⁴And the fat of the beast that dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn by beasts, may be used in any other use: but ye shall in no wise eat of it. ²⁵For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord, even the soul that eateth it shall

be cut off from his people. ²⁶Moreover ye shall eat no manner of blood, *whether it be* of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings. ²⁷Whatsoever soul it be that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

²⁸And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²⁹Speak unto the children of Israel, saying,

He that offereth the sacrifice of his peace-offerings unto the Lord shall bring his oblation unto the Lord of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings. ³⁰His own hands shall bring the offerings of the Lord, made by fire, the fat with the breast, it shall he bring, that the breast may be waved for a wave-offering before the Lord. ³¹And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar: but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'. ³²And the right shoulder shall ye give unto the priest for a heave-offering of the sacrifices of your peace-offerings. ³³He among the sons of Aaron, that offereth the blood of the peace-offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for his part. ³⁴For the wave-breast and the heave-shoulder have I taken of the children of Israel from off the sacrifices of their peace-offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the priest and unto his sons by a statute for ever from among the children of Israel.

³⁵This is the portion of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, out of the

offerings of the Lord made by fire, in the day *when* he presented them to minister unto the Lord in the priest's office; ³⁶Which the Lord commanded to be given them of the children of Israel, in the day that he anointed them, *by* a statute for ever throughout their generations.

³⁷This is the law of the burnt-offering, of the meal-offering, and of the sin-offering, and of the trespass-offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace-offerings; ³⁸Which the Lord commanded Moses in mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their oblations unto the Lord, in the wilderness of Sinai.

8 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin-offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread; ³And gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁴And Moses did as the Lord commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁵And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the Lord commanded to be done. ⁶And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water. ⁷And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and

he girded him with the girdle of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith. ⁸And he put the breastplate upon him; also he put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim. ⁹And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, *even* upon his forehead, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the Lord commanded Moses. ¹⁰And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them. ¹¹And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its vessels, both the laver and its foot, to sanctify them. ¹²And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him. ¹³And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the Lord commanded Moses. ¹⁴And he brought the bullock for the sin-offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock for the sin-offering. ¹⁵And he slew him; and Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make atonement upon it. ¹⁶And he took all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burned it upon the altar. ¹⁷But the bu

lock, and his hide, his flesh, and his dung, he burnt with fire without the camp; as the Lord commanded Moses. ¹⁸And he brought the ram for the burnt-offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. ¹⁹And he killed *him*; and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about. ²⁰And he cut the ram into pieces; and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces, and the fat. ²¹And he washed the inwards and the legs in water; and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: it *was* a burnt-sacrifice for a sweet savour, *and* an offering made by fire unto the Lord; as the Lord commanded Moses. ²²And he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. ²³And he slew *him*; and Moses took of the blood of him, and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the hump of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot. ²⁴And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet: and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about. ²⁵And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that *was* upon the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right shoulder: ²⁶And out of the basket of unleavened bread, *but was* before the Lord, he took

one unleavened cake, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put *them* on the fat, and upon the right shoulder: ²⁷And he put all upon Aaron's hands, and upon his sons' hands, and waved *them* for a wave-offering before the Lord. ²⁸And Moses took *them* from off their hands, and burnt *them* on the altar upon the burnt-offering: they *were* consecrations for a sweet savour: it *is* an offering made by fire unto the Lord. ²⁹And Moses took the breast, and waved it for a wave-offering before the Lord: for of the ram of consecration it was Moses' part; as the Lord commanded Moses. ³⁰And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which *was* upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, *and* upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, *and* his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. ³¹And Moses said unto Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and there eat it with the bread that *is* in the basket of consecrations, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it. ³²And that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread shall ye burn with fire. ³³And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation in seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an end: for seven days shall he consecrate you. ³⁴As he hath done this day,

so the Lord hath commanded to do, to make an atonement for you. ²⁵Therefore shall ye abide at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night seven days, and keep the charge of the Lord, that ye die not: for so I am commanded. ²⁶So Aaron and his sons did all things which the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses.

שמיני

9 And it came to pass on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel; ²And he said unto Aaron, Take thee a young calf for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering, without blemish, and offer *them* before the Lord. ³And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a he-goat for a sin-offering; and a calf and a lamb, *both* of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt-offering; ⁴Also a bullock and a ram for peace-offerings, to sacrifice before the Lord; and a meal-offerings mingled with oil: for to-day the Lord will appear unto you. ⁵And they brought *that* which Moses commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation: and all the congregation drew near and stood before the Lord. ⁶And Moses said, This is the thing which the Lord commanded that ye should do: and the glory of the Lord shall appear unto you. ⁷And Moses said unto Aaron, Go unto the altar, and offer thy sin-offering, and

thy burnt-offering, and make an atonement for thyself, and for the people: and offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them; as the Lord commanded. ⁸Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin-offering, which *was* for himself. ⁹And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him: and he dipped his finger in the blood and put *it* upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar: ¹⁰But the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver of the sin-offering, he burnt upon the altar as the Lord commanded Moses. ¹¹And the flesh and the hide he burnt with fire without the camp. ¹²And he slew the burnt-offering and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled round about upon the altar. ¹³And they presented the burnt-offering unto him, with the pieces thereof and the head: and he burnt *them* upon the altar. ¹⁴And he did wash the inwards and the legs, and burnt *them* upon the burnt-offering on the altar. ¹⁵And he brought the people's offering, and took the goat, which *was* the sin-offering for the people, and slew it and offered it for sin, as the first. ¹⁶And he brought the burnt offering, and offered it according to the manner. ¹⁷And he brought the meal-offering, and took handful thereof, and burnt *it* upon the altar, besides the burnt-sacrifice of the morning. ¹⁸He slew also the bullock and the ram

for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, which *was* for the people: and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled upon the altar round about, ¹⁹And the fat of the bullock and of the ram, the rump, and that which covereth *the inwards*, and the kidneys, and the caul *above* the liver: ²⁰And they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar: ²¹And the breasts and the right shoulder Aaron waved *for* a wave-offering before the Lord; as Moses commanded. ²²And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and blessed them, and came down from offering of the sin-offering, and the burnt-offering, and peace-offerings. ²³And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto all the people. ²⁴And there came a fire out from before the Lord, and consumed upon the altar the burnt-offering and the fat; and all the people saw *it*, and they shouted, and fell on their faces.

10 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took each of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. ²And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord. ³Then Moses said unto Aaron, This *is it* that the Lord spoke, saying, I will be sanctified

in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace. ⁴And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp. ⁵So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said.

⁶And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the Lord hath kindled. ⁷And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: for the anointing oil of the Lord *is* upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

⁸And the Lord spoke unto Aaron, saying, ⁹Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations: ¹⁰And that ye may put a difference **between** holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean; ¹¹And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

¹²And Moses spoke unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Itha-

mar, his sons that were left, Take the meal-offering that remaineth of the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar: for it is most holy: ¹³And ye shall eat it in the holy place, because it is thy due, and thy sons' due, of the sacrifices of the Lord made by fire: for so I am commanded.

¹⁴And the wave-breast and heave-shoulder shall ye eat in a clean place; thou, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee; for *they* be thy due, and thy sons' due, *which* are given out of the sacrifices of peace-offerings of the children of Israel. ¹⁵The heave-shoulder and the wave-breast shall they bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave-offering before the Lord; and it shall be thine, and thy sons' with thee, by a statute for ever; as the Lord hath commanded.

¹⁶And Moses diligently sought the goat of the sin-offering, and, behold, it was burnt; and he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron *that were left alive*, saying, ¹⁷Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin-offering in the holy place, seeing it is most holy, and God hath given it you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the Lord? ¹⁸Behold, the blood of it was not brought in within the holy place: ye should indeed have eaten it in the holy place, as I commanded. ¹⁹And Aaron said

unto Moses, Behold, this day have they offered their sin-offering and their burnt-offering before the Lord; and such things have befallen me: and if I had eaten the sin-offering to-day, should it have been accepted in the sight of the Lord? ²⁰And Moses heard that, and it was well-pleasing in his sight.

11 And the Lord spoke unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, ²Speak unto the children of Israel saying,

These *are* the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that *are* on the earth. ³Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is cloven-footed, *and* cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat. ⁴Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: *as* the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. ⁵And the cony, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. ⁶And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. ⁷And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be cloven-footed, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you. ⁸Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcass shall ye not touch; they *are* unclean to you.

⁹These shall ye eat of all that *are* in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters,

in the seas, and in the rivers, they shall ye eat. ¹⁰And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they *shall be* an abomination unto you: ¹¹They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination. ¹²Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that *shall be* an abomination unto you.

¹³And these *are they which ye* shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they *are* an abomination: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the osprey, ¹⁴And the vulture, and the kite after its kind; ¹⁵Every raven after its kind; ¹⁶And the owl, and the night-hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after its kind, ¹⁷And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl, ¹⁸And the swan, and the pelican, and the gier-eagle, ¹⁹And the stork, the heron after its kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

²⁰All fowls that creep, going upon all four, *shall be* an abomination unto you. ²¹Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, so leap withal upon the earth; ²²Even these of them ye may eat; the locust after its kind, and the bald locust after its kind, and the beetle after its kind, and the grasshopper after its kind. ²³But

all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, *shall be* an abomination unto you.

²⁴And for these ye shall be unclean: whosoever toucheth the carcass of them shall be unclean until the even. ²⁵And whosoever beareth *ought* of the carcass of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even. ²⁶The carcasses of every beast which divideth the hoof, and is not cloven-footed, nor cheweth the cud, *are* unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them shall be unclean. ²⁷And whatsoever goeth upon its paws, among all manner of beasts that go on all four, those *are* unclean unto you: whoso toucheth their carcass shall be unclean until the even. ²⁸And he that beareth the carcass of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: they *are* unclean unto you.

²⁹These also *shall be* unclean unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth; the weasel, and the mouse, and the tortoise after its kind. ³⁰And the ferret, and the chameleon, and the lizard, and the snail, and the mole. ³¹These *are* unclean to you among all that creep: whosoever doth touch them, when they be dead, shall be unclean until the even. ³²And upon whatsoever any of them, when they are dead, doth fall, it shall be unclean; whether it be any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever vessel it be, wherein any work is done, it must be put into

water, and it shall be unclean until the even; so it shall be cleansed. ³³And every earthen vessel, whereinto *any* of them falleth, whatsoever *is* in it shall be unclean; and ye shall break it. ³⁴Of all meat which may be eaten, *that* on which *such* water cometh shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every *such* vessel shall be unclean. ³⁵And every *thing* whereupon *any part* of their carcass falleth shall be unclean; *whether it be* oven, or ranges for pots, they shall be broken down: *for they are* unclean, and shall be unclean unto you. ³⁶Nevertheless a fountain or pit, *wherein there is* plenty of water, shall be clean: but that which toucheth their carcass shall be unclean. ³⁷And if *any part* of their carcass fall upon any sowing seed which is to be sown, it *shall be* clean. ³⁸But if *any* water be put upon the seed, and *any part* of their carcass fall thereon, it *shall be* unclean unto you.

³⁹And if any beast, of which ye may eat, die; he that toucheth the carcass thereof shall be unclean until the even. ⁴⁰And he that eateth of the carcass of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcass of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even. ⁴¹And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth *shall be* an abomination; it shall not be eaten. ⁴²Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon *all* four,

or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they *are* an abomination. ⁴³Ye shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby. ⁴⁴For I *am* the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ⁴⁵For I *am* the Lord that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy.

⁴⁶This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth: ⁴⁷To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten.

תוריע

12 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, saying,

If a woman have conceived seed, and borne a male: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean. ³And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall

be circumcised. ⁴And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying three and thirty days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled. ⁵But if she bear a female, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her separation; and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying threescore and six days. ⁶And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt-offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtle-dove, for a sin-offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest: ⁷And he shall offer it before the Lord, and make an atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood.

This is the law for her that hath borne a male or a female. ⁸And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt-offering, and the other for a sin-offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

13 And the Lord spoke unto Moses and Aaron, saying, ¹When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, a scab, or bright spot, and it be in the skin of his flesh like the plague of leprosy; then he shall be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the

priests: ²And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh: and *when* the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in sight *be* deeper than the skin of his flesh, it is a plague of leprosy: and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean. ³If the bright spot *be* white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight *be* not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white; then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the plague seven days: ⁴And the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and, behold, *if* the plague in his sight *be* at a stay, and the plague spread not in the skin; then the priest shall shut him up seven days more: ⁵And the priest shall look on him again the seventh day: and, behold, *if* the plague *be* somewhat dark, and the plague spread not in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean: it is *but* a scab: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. ⁶But if the scab spread much abroad in the skin, after that he hath been seen by the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen by the priest again: ⁷And *if* the priest see that, behold, the scab spreadeth in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is leprosy.

⁸When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the priest: ⁹And the priest shall see *him*: and, behold, *if* the rising *be* white in the skin, and it have turned the hair white,

and *there be* quick raw flesh in the rising; ¹¹It is an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not shut him up: for he *is* unclean. ¹²And if a leprosy break out abroad in the skin, and the leprosy cover all the skin of him *that hath* the plague from his head even to his foot, wheresoever the priest looketh; ¹³Then the priest shall consider: and, behold, *if* the leprosy have covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce him clean *that hath* the plague: it is all turned white: he *is* clean. ¹⁴But when raw flesh appeareth in him, he shall be unclean. ¹⁵And the priest shall see the raw flesh, and pronounce him to be unclean: *for* the raw flesh *is* unclean: it *is* leprosy. ¹⁶Or if the raw flesh turn again, and be changed unto white, he shall come unto the priest; ¹⁷And the priest shall see him: and, behold, *if* the plague be turned into white; then the priest shall pronounce him clean *that hath* the plague: he *is* clean.

¹⁸The flesh also, in which, *even* in the skin thereof, was a boil, and is healed, ¹⁹And in the place of the boil there be a white rising, or a bright spot, white, and somewhat reddish, and it be shown to the priest; ²⁰And if, when the priest seeth it, behold, it *be* in sight lower than the skin, and the hair thereof be turned white; the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a plague of leprosy broken out of

the boil. ²¹But if the priest look on it, and, behold, *there be* no white hairs therein, and *if* it be not lower than the skin, but *be* somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days: ²²And if it spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a plague. ²³But if the bright spot stay in its place, *and* spread not, it *is* a burning boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

²⁴Or if there be *any* flesh, in the skin whereof *there is* a hot burning, and the quick *flesh* that burneth have a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white; ²⁵Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, *if* the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and it *be* in sight deeper than the skin; it *is* leprosy broken out of the burning: wherefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leprosy. ²⁶But if the priest look on it, and, behold, *there be* no white hair in the bright spot, and it *be* no lower than the *other* skin, but *be* somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days: ²⁷And the priest shall look upon him the seventh day: *and* if it be spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leprosy. ²⁸And if the bright spot stay in its place, *and* spread not in the skin, but it *be* somewhat dark; it *is* a rising of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean: for it *is*

an inflammation of the burning.

²⁹If a man or woman have a plague upon the head or the beard; ³⁰Then the priest shall see the plague: and, behold, if it *be* in sight deeper than the skin; *and there be* in it a yellow thin hair; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: *it is* a dry scall, *even* leprosy upon the head or beard. ³¹And if the priest look on the plague of the scall, and, behold, it *be* not in sight deeper than the skin, and *that there is* no black hair in it; then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the plague of the scall seven days; ³²And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague: and, behold, *if* the scall spread not, and there *be* in it no yellow hair, and the scall *be* not in sight deeper than the skin; ³³He shall be shaven, but the scall shall he not shave; and the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the scall seven days more: ³⁴And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the scall: and, behold, *if* the scall be not spread in the skin, nor *be* in sight deeper than the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him clean: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. ³⁵But if the scall spread much in the skin after his cleansing; ³⁶Then the priest shall look on him: and, behold, if the scall be spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for yellow hair; *he is* unclean. ³⁷But if the scall be in his sight at a stay, and there is black hair grown up

therein; the scall is healed, *he is* clean: and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

³⁸If a man also or a woman have in the skin of their flesh bright spots, *even* white bright spots; ³⁹Then the priest shall look: and, behold, *if* the bright spots in the skin of their flesh *be* darkish-white; *it is* a freckled spot *that* groweth in the skin; *he is* clean.

⁴⁰And the man whose hair is fallen off his head, *he is* bald; *yet is* he clean. ⁴¹And he that hath his hair fallen off from the part of his head toward his face, *he is* forehead-bald: *yet is* he clean. ⁴²And if there be in the bald head, or bald forehead, a reddish-white sore; *it is* leprosy sprung up in his bald head, or his bald forehead. ⁴³Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, *if* the rising of the sore *be* reddish-white in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leprosy appeareth in the skin of the flesh; ⁴⁴He is a leprous man, *he is* unclean: the priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean; his plague *is* in his head.

⁴⁵And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean. ⁴⁶All the days wherein the plague *shall be* in him he shall be defiled, *he is* unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp *shall* his habitation be.

⁴⁷The garment also that the

plague of leprosy is in, *whether it be a woollen garment, or a linen garment; 48Whether it be in the warp, or woof; of linen, or of woollen; whether in a skin, or in any thing made of skin; 49And if the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is a plague of leprosy, and shall be shewn unto the priest: 50And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up that which hath the plague seven days: 51And he shall look on the plague on the seventh day: if the plague be spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in a skin, or in any work that is made of skin; the plague is a fretting leprosy; it is unclean. 52He shall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague is: for it is a fretting leprosy; it shall be burnt in the fire. 53And if the priest shall look, and, behold, the plague be not spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; 54Then the priest shall command that they wash the thing wherein the plague is, and he shall shut it up seven days more: 55And the priest shall look on the plague, after that it is washed: and, behold, if the plague have not changed its colour, and the plague be not spread; it is unclean; thou shalt burn it in the fire; it is a fret whether*

it be within or without. 56And if the priest look, and, behold, the plague be somewhat dark after the washing of it; then he shall rend it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof: 57And if it appear still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is a spreading plague: thou shalt burn that wherein the plague is with fire. 58And the garment, either warp, or woof, or whatsoever thing of skin it be, which thou shalt wash, if the plague be departed from them, then it shall be washed the second time, and shall be clean.

59This is the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of woollen or linen, either in the warp, or woof, or in any thing of skin, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

מצרע

14 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying,

2This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought unto the priest: 3And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, if the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper; 4Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive and clean, and cedar-wood, and scarlet, and hysop: 5And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an

earthen vessel over running water: ⁴As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar-wood and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water: ⁵And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field. ⁶And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days. ⁷But it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean. ⁸And on the eighth day he shall take two he-lambs without blemish, and one ewe-lamb of the first year without blemish, and three tenth deals of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil. ⁹And the priest that maketh him clean shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those things, before the Lord, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: ¹⁰And the priest shall take one he-lamb, and offer him for a trespass-offering, and the log of oil, and wave them for a wave-

offering before the Lord: ¹¹And he shall slay the lamb in the place where he shall kill the sin-offering and the burnt-offering, in the holy place: for as the sin-offering is the priest's, so is the trespass-offering: it is most holy: ¹²And the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass-offering, and the priest shall put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot: ¹³And the priest shall take some of the log of oil, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand: ¹⁴And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the Lord: ¹⁵And of the rest of the oil that is in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass-offering: ¹⁶And the remnant of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord. ¹⁷And the priest shall offer the sin-offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness; and afterward he shall kill the burnt-offering: ¹⁸And the priest shall offer the burnt-offering and the meal-offering upon

the altar: and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

²¹And if he *be* poor, and cannot get so much; then he shall take one lamb for a trespass-offering to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and one tenth deal of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering, and a log of oil; ²²And two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; and the one shall be a sin-offering, and the other a burnt-offering. ²³And he shall bring them on the eighth day for his cleansing unto the priest, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the Lord. ²⁴And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass-offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them for a wave-offering before the Lord: ²⁵And he shall kill the lamb of the trespass-offering, and the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass-offering, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot: ²⁶And the priest shall pour of the oil into the palm of his own left hand: ²⁷And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger *some* of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the Lord: ²⁸And the priest shall put of the oil that is in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand,

and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the place of the blood of the trespass-offering:

²⁹And the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him before the Lord. ³⁰And he shall offer the one of the turtle-doves, or of the young pigeons, such as he can get; ³¹*Even* such as he is able to get, the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, with the meal-offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed before the Lord.

³²*This is the law of him in whom is the plague of leprosy, whose hand is not able to get that which pertaineth to his cleansing.*

³³And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

³⁴When ye be come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house of the land of your possession; ³⁵And he that owneth the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, It seemeth to me *there is* as it were a plague in the house: ³⁶Then the priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest go *into it* to see the plague, that all that is in the house be not made unclean: and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house: ³⁷And he shall look on the plague, and, behold, if the plague be in the walls of the house with hollow streaks,

greenish or reddish, which in sight *are* lower than the wall; ³⁸Then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days: ³⁹And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look; and, behold, *if* the plague be spread in the walls of the house; ⁴⁰Then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which the plague *is*, and they shall cast them into an unclean place without the city: ⁴¹And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off without the city into an unclean place: ⁴²And they shall take other stones, and put *them* in the place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar, and shall plaster the house. ⁴³And if the plague come again, and break out in the house, after that he hath taken away the stones, and after he hath scraped the house, and after it is plastered; ⁴⁴Then the priest shall come and look, and, behold, *if* the plague be spread in the house, it *is* a fretting leprosy in the house; it *is* unclean. ⁴⁵And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry *them* forth out of the city into an unclean place. ⁴⁶Moreover he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean until the even. ⁴⁷And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes; and

he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes. ⁴⁸And if the priest shall come in, and look upon it, and, behold, the plague hath not spread in the house, after the house was plastered: then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed. ⁴⁹And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar-wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: ⁵⁰And he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water: ⁵¹And he shall take the cedar-wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times: ⁵²And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar-wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet: ⁵³But he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the house: and it shall be clean.

⁵⁴This *is* the law for all manner of plague of leprosy, and scall, ⁵⁵And for the leprosy of a garment, and of a house, ⁵⁶And for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot: ⁵⁷To teach when it *is* unclean, and when it *is* clean: this *is* the law of leprosy.

15 And the Lord spoke unto Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,

When any man hath a running issue out of his flesh, *because of his issue he is unclean.* ³And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue, it is his uncleanness. ⁴Every bed, whereon he lieth that hath the issue, is unclean: and every thing, whereon he sitteth, shall be unclean. ⁵And whosoever toucheth his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even. ⁶And he that sitteth on *any* thing whereon he sat that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even. ⁷And he that toucheth the flesh of him that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even. ⁸And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean; then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even. ⁹And what saddle soever he rideth upon that hath the issue shall be unclean. ¹⁰And whosoever toucheth any thing that was under him shall be unclean until the even: and he that beareth *any of those things* shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even. ¹¹And whomsoever he toucheth that hath the issue, and hath not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even. ¹²And the vessel of earth,

that he toucheth which hath the issue, shall be broken: and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

¹³And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue; then he shall number seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean. ¹⁴And on the eighth day he shall take to him two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, and come before the Lord unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the priest: ¹⁵And the priest shall offer them, the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord for his issue.

¹⁶And if any man's seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even. ¹⁷And every garment, and every skin, whereon is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the even. ¹⁸The woman also with whom a man shall lie *with seed of copulation*, they shall *both* bathe *themselves* in water, and be unclean until the even.

¹⁹And if a woman have an issue, *and her issue in her flesh be blood*, she shall be put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even. ²⁰And every thing that she lieth upon in her separation shall be unclean: every

thing also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean. ²¹And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even. ²²And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even. ²³And if it be on *her* bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the even. ²⁴And if any man lie with her at all, and her impurity be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and all the bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.

²⁵And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she shall be unclean. ²⁶Every bed whereon she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation; and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation. ²⁷And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even. ²⁸But if she be cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean. ²⁹And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest,

to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ³⁰And the priest shall offer the one *for* a sin-offering, and the other *for* a burnt-offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for her before the Lord for the issue of her uncleanness.

³¹Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that is among them.

³²This is the law of him that hath an issue, and of *him* whose seed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith; ³³And of her that is sick of her separation, and of him that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lieth with her that is unclean.

אחרי מות

16 And the Lord spoke unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the Lord, and died; ²And the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy *place* within the veil before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not; for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat. ³Thus shall Aaron come into the holy *place*: with a young bullock for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering. ⁴He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall

be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on. ⁶And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two he-goats for a sin-offering, and one ram for a burnt-offering. ⁷And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin-offering, which *is* for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house. ⁸And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the Lord *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁹And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the Lord, and the other lot for Azazel. ¹⁰And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the Lord's lot fell, and offer him *for* a sin-offering. ¹¹But the goat, on which the lot fell for Azazel, shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make an atonement with him, *and* to let him go for Azazel into the wilderness. ¹²And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin-offering, which *is* for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin-offering which *is* for himself: ¹³And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the Lord, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring *it* within the veil: ¹⁴And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may

cover the mercy seat that *is* upon the testimony, that he die not: ¹⁵And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times. ¹⁶Then shall he kill the goat of the sin-offering, that *is* for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: ¹⁷And he shall make an atonement for the holy *place*, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness. ¹⁸And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy *place*, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel. ¹⁹And he shall go out unto the altar that *is* before the Lord, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about. ²⁰And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

²⁰And when he hath made an end of atoning for the holy *place*, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat: ²¹And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: ²²And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness. ²³And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy *place*, and shall leave them there: ²⁴And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy *place*, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt-offering, and the burnt-offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people. ²⁵And the fat of the sin-offering shall he burn upon the altar. ²⁶And he that let go the goat to Azazel shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp. ²⁷And the bullock for the sin-offering, and the goat for the sin-offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy *place*, shall *one* carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.

²⁸And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

²⁹And *this* shall be a statute for ever unto you: *that* in the seventh month, on the tenth *day* of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, *whether it be* one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you: ³⁰For on that day shall the *priest* make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, *that* ye may be clean from all your sins before the Lord. ³¹*It shall be* a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever. ³²And the priest, whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, *even* the holy garments: ³³And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation. ³⁴And *this* shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year.

And he did as the Lord commanded Moses.

17 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say

unto them; This *is* the thing which the Lord hath commanded, saying,

³What man soever *there be* of the house of Israel, that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or that killeth it out of the camp, ⁴And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the Lord before the tabernacle of the Lord; blood shall be imputed unto that man; he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people: ⁵To the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they offer in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the Lord, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest, and offer them *for* peace-offerings unto the Lord. ⁶And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the Lord *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and burn the fat for a sweet savour unto the Lord. ⁷And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto evil spirits, after whom they have gone astray. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.

⁸And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt-offering or sacrifice, ⁹And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the Lord; even that man

shall be cut off from among his people.

¹⁰And whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people. ¹¹For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. ¹²Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.

¹³And whatsoever man *there be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust. ¹⁴For *it is* the life of all flesh; the blood of it *is* for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh *is* the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off. ¹⁵And every soul that eateth that which died *of itself*, or that which was torn *by beasts*, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even: then shall he be clean. ¹⁶But if

he wash *them* not, nor bathe his flesh; then he shall bear his iniquity.

18 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,

I am the Lord your God. ³After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances. ⁴Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the Lord your God. ⁵Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the Lord.

⁶None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover *their* nakedness: I am the Lord.

⁷The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: *she is thy mother*; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

⁸The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: *it is thy father's nakedness*.

⁹The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, *whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness* thou shalt not uncover.

¹⁰The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, *even their nakedness*

thou shalt not uncover: for *theirs* is thine own nakedness.

¹¹The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, *she is thy sister*, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

¹²Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: *she is thy father's near kinswoman*.

¹³Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for *she is thy mother's near kinswoman*.

¹⁴Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: *she is thine aunt*.

¹⁵Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter-in-law: *she is thy son's wife*: thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

¹⁶Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: *it is thy brother's nakedness*.

¹⁷Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; *for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness*.

¹⁸Neither shalt thou take a wife together with her sister, to vex *her*, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her lifetime.

¹⁹Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.

²⁰Moreover thou shalt not lie

carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her.

²¹And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through *the fire* to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: *I am the Lord.*

²²Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

²³Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is perversion.

²⁴Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: ²⁵And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out its inhabitants. ²⁶Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations; *neither* any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you: ²⁷(For all these abominations have the men of the land done, that *were* before you, and the land has become defiled;) ²⁸That the land vomit not you out also, when ye defile it, as it vomited out the nations that *were* before you. ²⁹For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit *them* shall be cut off from among their people. ³⁰Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that *ye* commit not *any one* of these abominable customs, which were committed

before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: *I am the Lord your God.*

קדשים

19 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them,

Ye shall be holy: for *I the Lord your God am holy.* ³Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: *I am the Lord your God.*

⁴Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: *I am the Lord your God.*

⁵And if ye offer a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the Lord, ye shall offer it at your own will. ⁶It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire. ⁷And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it is abominable; it shall not be accepted. ⁸Therefore *every one* that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the Lord: and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

⁹And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. ¹⁰And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather *every* grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: *I am the Lord your God.*

¹¹Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another. ¹²And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I *am* the Lord.

¹⁴Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob *him*: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning. ¹⁵Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I *am* the Lord.

¹⁶Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: *but* in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour. ¹⁷Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I *am* the Lord.

¹⁸Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him. ¹⁹Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I *am* the Lord.

²⁰Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.

²¹And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman, that is a bond-

maid, betrothed to a husband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her; there shall be punishment; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.

²¹And he shall bring his trespass-offering unto the Lord, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, *even* a ram for a trespass-offering. ²²And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering before the Lord for his sin which he hath done: and the sin which he hath done shall be forgiven him.

²³And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you: it shall not be eaten of. ²⁴But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy for a celebration to the Lord. ²⁵And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I *am* the Lord your God.

²⁶Ye shall not eat *any thing* with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantment, nor practise magic.

²⁷Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.

²⁸Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I *am* the Lord.

²⁹Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a harlot:

lest the land fall to harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness.

³⁰Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the Lord.

³¹Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I *am* the Lord your God.

³²Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I *am* the Lord.

³³And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. ³⁴But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I *am* the Lord your God.

³⁵Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in mete-yard, in weight, or in measure. ³⁶Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I *am* the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. ³⁷Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I *am* the Lord.

20 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel,

Whosoever *he be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth *any* of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him

with stones. ³And I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name. ⁴And if the people of the land do hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, and kill him not: ⁵Then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go astray after him, to go astray after Molech, from among their people. ⁶And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go astray after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. ⁷Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I *am* the Lord your God. ⁸And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I *am* the Lord who sanctify you. ⁹For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood *shall be* upon him. ¹⁰And the man that committeth adultery with *another* man's wife, *even he* that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. ¹¹And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them. ¹²And if a man lie

with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought corruption; their blood *shall be* upon them.

¹¹If a man also lie with a man, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.

¹⁴And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.

¹⁵And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast.

¹⁶And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.

¹⁷And if a man shall like his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.

¹⁸And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath discovered her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

¹⁹And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister: for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity.

²⁰And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.

²¹And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is an abomination: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

²²Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, vomit you not out.

²³And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.

²⁴But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the Lord your God, who have separated you from other people.

²⁵Ye shall therefore make a distinction between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.

²⁶And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.

²⁷A man also or a woman that divineth by a ghost or a familiar spirit, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood *shall be* upon them.

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21 And the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron, and say unto them,

There shall none be defiled for the dead among his people: ²But for his kin, that is near unto him, *that is*, for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother, ³And for his sister a virgin, that is nigh unto him, who hath had no husband; for her may he be defiled. ⁴But he shall not defile himself, *being* a chief man among his people, to profane himself. ⁵They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh. ⁶They shall be holy unto their God, and not profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the Lord made by fire, *and* the bread of their God, they do offer: therefore they shall be holy. ⁷They shall not take a wife *that is* a harlot, or dishonored; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God. ⁸Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the Lord, who sanctify you, *am* holy.

⁹And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the harlot, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.

¹⁰And *he that is* the high priest

among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes

¹¹Neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother

¹²Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I *am* the Lord. ¹³And he shall take a wife in her virginity. ¹⁴A widow, or a divorced woman, or dishonored, or a harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife. ¹⁵Neither shall he profane his seed among his people: for I the Lord do sanctify him.

¹⁶And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹⁷Speak unto Aaron saying,

Whosoever *he be* of thy seed in their generations that hath any blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God. ¹⁸For whatsoever man *he be* that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or he that hath a limb too long. ¹⁹Or a man that is broken-footed, or broken-handed, ²⁰Or crook-backed, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his testicles broken; ²¹No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire: he hath

a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God. ²²He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy, and of the holy. ²³Only he shall not go in unto the veil, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I the Lord do sanctify them.

²⁴And Moses told it unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel.

22 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, which they hallow unto me, and that they profane not my holy name: I am the Lord. ³Say unto them,

Whosoever *he be* of all your seed among your generations, that goeth unto the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow unto the Lord, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence: I am the Lord. ⁴What man soever of the seed of Aaron is a leper, or hath a running issue; he shall not eat of the holy things, until he be clean. And whoso toucheth any thing *that is* unclean by the dead, or a man whose seed goeth from him; ⁵Or whosoever toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath; ⁶The soul that hath touched any such shall be unclean

until even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he wash his flesh with water. ⁷And when the sun is down, he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things; because it is his food. ⁸That which dieth of itself, or is torn by beasts, he shall not eat to defile himself therewith: I am the Lord. ⁹They shall therefore keep mine ordinance, lest they bear sin for it, and die therefore, if they profane it: I the Lord do sanctify them. ¹⁰There shall no stranger eat of the holy thing: a sojourner of the priest, or a hired servant shall not eat of the holy thing. ¹¹But if the priest buy *any* soul with his money, he shall eat of it, and he that is born in his house: they shall eat of his meat. ¹²If the priest's daughter also be married unto a stranger, she may not eat of an offering of the holy things. ¹³But if the priest's daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her father's house, as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's meat: but there shall no stranger eat thereof. ¹⁴And if a man eat of the holy thing unwittingly, then he shall put the fifth part thereof unto it, and shall give it unto the priest with the holy thing. ¹⁵And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer unto the Lord: ¹⁶Or suffer them to bear the iniquity of trespass, when they eat their holy things: for I the Lord do sanctify them.

¹⁷And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹⁸Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them,

Whosoever *he be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for all his freewill-offerings, which they will offer unto the Lord for a burnt-offering; ¹⁹*Ye shall offer* at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats. ²⁰*But* whatsoever hath a blemish, *that* shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you. ²¹And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the Lord to accomplish *his* vow, or a freewill-offering in beeves or sheep, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein. ²²Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the Lord, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the Lord. ²³Either a bullock or a lamb that hath a limb too long, or that hath a limb too short, that mayest thou offer *for* a freewill-offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted. ²⁴Ye shall not offer unto the Lord that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall ye make *any offering thereof* in your land. ²⁵Neither from a stranger's hand shall ye offer the bread of your God of *any* of these; because their corruption is in them, *and* blemishes

be in them: they shall not be accepted for you.

²⁶And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying,

²⁷When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under its mother; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the Lord. ²⁸And *whether it be* cow or ewe, ye shall not kill it and its young both in one day. ²⁹And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the Lord, offer *it* at your own will. ³⁰On the same day it shall be eaten up; ye shall leave none of it until the morrow: I *am* the Lord. ³¹Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I *am* the Lord. ³²Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I *am* the Lord who hallow you, ³³That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the Lord.

23 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,

Concerning the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, *even* these *are* my feasts. ³Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, a holy convocation; ye shall do no work *therein*: it is the sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.

⁴These *are* the feasts of the

Lord, *even* holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. ⁶In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's passover. ⁷And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the Lord: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. ⁸In the first day ye shall have a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. ⁹But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord seven days: in the seventh day is a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

⁹And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹⁰Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,

When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest unto the priest: ¹¹And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. ¹²And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf a he-lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt-offering unto the Lord. ¹³And the meal-offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the Lord for a sweet savour: and the drink-offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of a hin. ¹⁴And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that

ye have brought an offering unto your God: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

¹⁵And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave-offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

¹⁶Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meal-offering unto the Lord.

¹⁷Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave-loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; *they are* the first-fruits unto the Lord. ¹⁸And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt-offering unto the Lord, with their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings, *even* an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the Lord. ¹⁹Then ye shall sacrifice one he-goat for a sin-offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace-offerings. ²⁰And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the first-fruits for a wave-offering before the Lord, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the Lord for the priest.

²¹And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, *that it may be* a holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: *it shall be* a statute for ever in all your dwellings through-

out your generations.

²²And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the Lord your God.

²³And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²⁴Speak unto the children of Israel, saying,

In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. ²⁵Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

²⁶And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying,

²⁷Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be a holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord. ²⁸And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the Lord your God. ²⁹For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. ³⁰And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. ³¹Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwell-

ings. ³²It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

³³And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ³⁴Speak unto the children of Israel, saying,

The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the Lord. ³⁵On the first day shall be a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. ³⁶Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord: on the eighth day shall be a holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.

³⁷These are the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord, a burnt-offering, and a meal-offering, a sacrifice, and drink-offerings, every thing upon its day: ³⁸Besides the sabbaths of the Lord, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill-offerings, which ye give unto the Lord.

³⁹Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.

¹⁰And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days. ¹¹And ye shall keep it a feast unto the Lord seven days in the year. *It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.* ¹²Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: ¹³That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: *I am the Lord your God.*

¹⁴And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the Lord.

24 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually. ²Without the veil of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the Lord continually: *it shall be a statute for ever in your generations.* ³He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before the Lord continually.

⁴And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake. ⁵And thou shalt set them in two rows, six in a row, upon

the pure table before the Lord. ⁶And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon *each* row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, *even* an offering made by fire unto the Lord. ⁷Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the Lord continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant. ⁸And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the Lord made by fire by a perpetual statute.

⁹And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father *was* an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel: and this son of the Israelitish woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp; ¹⁰And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name *of the Lord*, and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's name *was* Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:) ¹¹And they put him in ward, that the mind of the Lord might be explained to them.

¹²And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹³Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him. ¹⁴And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God *shall* bear his sin. ¹⁵And he that blasphemeth the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death, *and* all the congregation shall cer-

tainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the Lord, shall be put to death.

¹⁷And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death. ¹⁸And he that killeth a beast shall make it good; beast for beast. ¹⁹And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him; ²⁰Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him. ²¹And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it: and he that killeth a man, he shall be put to death. ²²Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for the native: for I am the Lord your God.

²³And Moses spoke to the children of Israel, that they should bring forth him that had cursed out of the camp, and stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as the Lord commanded Moses.

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25 And the Lord spoke unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,

When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the Lord. ³Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; ⁴But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath

of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the Lord: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. ⁵That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy undressed vine: for it is a year of rest unto the land. ⁶And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee, ⁷And for thy cattle, and for the beast that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.

⁸And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years: and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. ⁹Then shalt thou send abroad the sounding trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye send abroad the trumpet throughout all your land. ¹⁰And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. ¹¹A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy undressed vine. ¹²For it is the jubilee; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase there-

of out of the field. ¹³In the year of this jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possession. ¹⁴And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyest *ought* of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another: ¹⁵According to the number of years after the jubilee thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee: ¹⁶According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for *according* to the number of the years of the fruits doth he sell unto thee. ¹⁷Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I *am* the Lord your God. ¹⁸Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. ¹⁹And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety. ²⁰And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: ²¹Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. ²²And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store. ²³The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land *is* mine; for ye *are* strangers and sojourners with me. ²⁴And in

all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land.

²⁵If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away *some* of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold. ²⁶And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it; ²⁷Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; that he may return unto his possession. ²⁸But if he be not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jubilee: and in the jubilee it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession.

²⁹And if a man sell a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; *within* a full year may he redeem it. ³⁰And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that *is* in the walled city shall be established for ever to him that brought it throughout his generations: it shall not go out in the jubilee. ³¹But the houses of the villages which have no wall round about them shall be counted as the fields of the country: they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee. ³²Notwithstanding the cities of the Levites, and the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Levites redeem at any

time. ³³And if a man purchase of the Levites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall go out in *the year of jubilee*: for the houses of the cities of the Levites *are* their possession among the children of Israel. ³⁴But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it *is* their perpetual possession.

³⁵And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him; *yea, though he be* a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee. ³⁶Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee. ³⁷Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase. ³⁸*I am* the Lord your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, *and* to be your God.

³⁹And if thy brother *that dwelleth* by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bond-servant: ⁴⁰*But* as a hired servant, *and* as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, *and* shall serve thee unto the year of jubilee. ⁴¹And *then* shall he depart from thee, *both* he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return. ⁴²For they *are* my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold

as bondmen. ⁴³Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour; but shalt fear thy God. ⁴⁴Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, whom thou shalt have, *shall be* of the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids. ⁴⁵Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that *are* with you, which they have begotten in your land: and they shall be your possession. ⁴⁶And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit *them for* a possession; they shall be your bondmen for ever: but over your brethren the children of Israel, ye shall not rule one over another with rigour.

⁴⁷And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother *that dwelleth* by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family: ⁴⁸After that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him: ⁴⁹Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or *any* that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself. ⁵⁰And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him unto the year of jubilee: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years, according to the time of a hired

servant shall he be with him. ⁶¹If *there be yet many years behind*, according unto them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for. ⁶²And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubilee, then he shall count with him, *and* according unto his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption. ⁶³And as a servant hired year by year shall he be with him: he shall not rule with rigour over him in thy sight. ⁶⁴And if he be not redeemed in these *years*, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, *both* he, and his children with him. ⁶⁵For unto me the children of Israel *are* servants; they *are* my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the Lord your God.

26 Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up *any* image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I *am* the Lord your God. ²Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the Lord.

בחקתי

³If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; ⁴Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. ⁵And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time:

and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. ⁶And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make *you* afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. ⁷And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. ⁸And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. ⁹For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you. ¹⁰And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new. ¹¹And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. ¹²And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people. ¹³I *am* the Lord your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

¹⁴But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; ¹⁵And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, *but* that ye break my covenant: ¹⁶I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of

heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. ¹⁷And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

¹⁸And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. ¹⁹And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: ²⁰And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

²¹And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. ²²I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your *high* ways shall be desolate.

²³And if ye will not be redeemed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; ²⁴Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins. ²⁵And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of *my* covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. ²⁶And when I have broken

the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver *you* your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

²⁷And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; ²⁸Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. ²⁹And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat. ³⁰And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you. ³¹And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours. ³²And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies that dwell therein shall be astonished at it. ³³And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. ³⁴Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye *be* in your enemies' land; *even* then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths. ³⁵As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it. ³⁶And upon them that are left *alive* of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase

them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth. ³⁷And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies. ³⁸And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. ³⁹And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them. ⁴⁰If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; ⁴¹And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: ⁴²Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land. ⁴³The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes. ⁴⁴And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them

away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I *am* the Lord their God. ⁴⁵But I will for their sake remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I *am* the Lord.

⁴⁶These *are* the statutes and judgments and laws, which the Lord made between him and the children of Israel in mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

27 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,

When a man shall make a singular vow, the persons *shall be* for the Lord by thy estimation. ³And if thy estimation be of the male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, then thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary. ⁴And if *it be* a female, then thy estimation shall be thirty shekels. ⁵And if *it be* from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels. ⁶And if *it be* from a month old even unto five years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female thy estimation *shall be* three shekels of silver. ⁷And if *it be* from sixty years old and above; if *it be* a

male, then thy estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels. ⁸But if he be poorer than thy estimation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to his ability that vowed shall the priest value him.

⁹And if *it be* a beast, whereof men bring an offering unto the Lord, all that *any man* giveth of such unto the Lord shall be holy.

¹⁰He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he shall at all change beast for beast, then it and the exchange thereof shall be holy. ¹¹And if *it be* any unclean beast, of which they do not offer a sacrifice unto the Lord, then he shall present the beast before the priest: ¹²And the priest shall estimate it, whether it be good or bad: according to the estimation of the priest, so shall it be. ¹³But if he will at all redeem it, then he shall add a fifth *part* thereof unto thy estimation.

¹⁴And when a man shall sanctify his house *to be* holy unto the Lord, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand. ¹⁵And if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be his.

¹⁶And if a man shall sanctify unto the Lord *some part* of a field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be according to

the seed thereof: a homer barley seed *shall be valued* fifty shekels of silver. ¹⁷If sanctify his field from the year of jubilee, according to thy estimation it shall stand. ¹⁸But if sanctify his field after the jubilee then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to years that remain, even unto year of the jubilee, and it shall be abated from thy estimation. ¹⁹And if he that sanctified field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be assured him. ²⁰And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall be redeemed any more. ²¹But field, when it goeth out in jubilee, shall be holy unto Lord, as a field devoted; possession thereof shall be priest's.

²²And if a man sanctify unto the Lord a field which he hath bought, which *is* not of the field of his possession; ²³Then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation, even unto the year of the jubilee: and he shall give thy estimation that day, as a holy thing unto the Lord. ²⁴In the year of jubilee the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, even to him to whom the possession the land *did belong*. ²⁵And all estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel

²⁶Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the Lord's firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it be ox, or sheep: it is the Lord's. ²⁷And if it be of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem it according to thy estimation, and shall add a fifth part of it thereto: or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.

²⁸But no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto the Lord of all that he hath, both of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing is lost holy unto the Lord. ²⁹None devoted, which shall be devoted to men, shall be redeemed; but shall surely be put to death.

³⁰And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord.

³¹And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof.

³²And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord.

³³He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

³⁴These are the commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses for the children of Israel in mount Sinai.

בְּמִדְבָּר

NUMBERS

1 And the Lord spoke unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first *day* of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

²Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of *their* names, every male by their polls; ³From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies. ⁴And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of the house of his fathers. ⁵And these *are* the names of the men that shall stand with you: of *the tribe of* Reuben; Elizur the son of Shedeur. ⁶Of Simeon; Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. ⁷Of Judah; Nahshon the son of Amminadab. ⁸Of Issachar; Nethaneel the son of Zuar. ⁹Of Zebulun; Eliab the son of Helon. ¹⁰Of the children of Joseph: of Ephraim; Elishama the son of Ammihud: of Manasseh; Gama- liel the son of Pedahzur. ¹¹Of Benjamin; Abidan the son of Gideoni. ¹²Of Dan; Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. ¹³Of Asher;

Pagiel the son of Ochran. ¹⁴Of Gad; Eliasaph the son of Deuel. ¹⁵Of Naphtali; Ahira the son of Enan.

¹⁶These *were* they that were called of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, heads of thousands in Israel.

¹⁷And Moses and Aaron took these men that are expressed by *their* names: ¹⁸And they assembled all the congregation together on the first *day* of the second month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls. ¹⁹As the Lord commanded: Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

²⁰And the children of Reuben, Israel's eldest son, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; ²¹Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Reuben, *were* forty and six thousand and five hundred.

²²Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their

fathers, those that were numbered of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; ²³Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Simeon, *were* fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

²⁴Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; ²⁵Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Gad, *were* forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty.

²⁶Of the children of Judah, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; ²⁷Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Judah, *were* three-score and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

²⁸Of the children of Issachar, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; ²⁹Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Issachar, *were* fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

³⁰Of the children of Zebulun,

by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; ³¹Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Zebulun, *were* fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

³²Of the children of Joseph, *namely*, of the children of Ephraim, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; ³³Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Ephraim, *were* forty thousand and five hundred.

³⁴Of the children of Manasseh, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; ³⁵Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Manasseh, *were* thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

³⁶Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; ³⁷Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Benjamin, *were*

thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

³⁸Of the children of Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; ³⁹Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Dan, *were* three-score and two thousand and seven hundred.

⁴⁰Of the children of Asher, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; ⁴¹Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Asher, *were* forty and one thousand and five hundred.

⁴²Of the children of Naphtali, throughout their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; ⁴³Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Naphtali, *were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

⁴⁴These *are* those that were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel, *being* twelve men: each one was for the house of his fathers. ⁴⁵So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fa-

thers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel; ⁴⁶Even all they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty. ⁴⁷But the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them.

⁴⁸For the Lord had spoken unto Moses, saying, ⁴⁹Only the tribe of Levi thou shalt not number, neither shalt thou take the sum of them among the children of Israel: ⁵⁰But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that *belong* to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle. ⁵¹And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death. ⁵²And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts. ⁵³But the Levites shall pitch round about the tabernacle of testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of testimony.

⁵⁴And the children of Israel did so; according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so did they.

2 And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

3 Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch. 4 And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be captain of the children of Judah. 5 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred. 6 And those that do pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Issachar: and Nethaneel the son of Zuar shall be captain of the children of Issachar. 7 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred. 8 Then the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab the son of Helon shall be captain of the children of Zebulun. 9 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred. 10 All that were numbered in the camp of Judah were a hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred, throughout their armies. These shall first set forth.

11 On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben shall be Elizur the son

of Shedeur. 12 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were forty and six thousand and five hundred. 13 And those that pitch by him shall be the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon shall be Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. 14 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred. 15 Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the sons of Gad shall be Eliasaph the son of Reuel. 16 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

17 All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben were a hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies. And they shall set forth in the second rank.

18 Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards.

19 On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud. 20 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty thousand and five hundred. 21 And by him shall be the tribe of Manasseh: and the captain of the children of

Manasseh shall be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. ²¹And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred. ²²Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the sons of Benjamin shall be Abidan the son of Gideon. ²³And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred. ²⁴All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim were a hundred thousand and eight thousand and a hundred, throughout their armies. And they shall go forward in the third rank.

²⁵The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. ²⁶And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred. ²⁷And those that encamp by him shall be the tribe of Asher: and the captain of the children of Asher shall be Pagiel the son of Ochran. ²⁸And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and one thousand and five hundred. ²⁹Then the tribe of Naphtali: and the captain of the children of Naphtali shall be Ahira the son of Enan. ³⁰And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred. ³¹All they that were numbered in the camp of Dan were a hundred thousand and fifty and seven

thousand and six hundred. They shall go hindmost with their standards.

³²These are those that were numbered of the children of Israel by the house of their fathers: all those that were numbered of the camps throughout their host were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty. ³³But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as the Lord commanded Moses.

³⁴And the children of Israel did according to all that the Lord commanded Moses: so they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, every one after their families, according to the house of their fathers.

3 These also are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that the Lord spoke with Moses in mount Sinai. ²And these are the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the first-born, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ³These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests that were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office. ⁴And Nadab and Abihu died before the Lord, when they offered strange fire before the Lord, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they have no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the sight of Aaron their father.

⁵And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 'Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them be

fore Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him. ⁷And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle. ⁸And they shall keep all the vessels of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. ⁹And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they are wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel.

¹⁰And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall wait on their priest's office: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

¹¹And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹²And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of every first-born that openeth the womb among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine; ¹³Because all the first-born are mine; for on the day that I smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt I allowed unto me all the first-born in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I am the Lord.

¹⁴And the Lord spoke unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying, ¹⁵Number the children of Levi after the house of their fathers, by their families: every male from a month old and upward shalt thou number them.

¹⁶And Moses numbered them

according to the word of the Lord, as he was commanded. ¹⁷And these were the sons of Levi by their names; Gershon, and Kehath, and Merari. ¹⁸And these are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families; Libni, and Shimi. ¹⁹And the sons of Kehath by their families; Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel. ²⁰And the sons of Merari by their families; Mahli, and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

²¹Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimites: these are the families of the Gershonites. ²²Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even those that were numbered of them were seven thousand and five hundred. ²³The families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward. ²⁴And the chief of the house of the father of the Gershonites shall be Eliasaph the son of Lael. ²⁵And the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation shall be the tabernacle, and the tent, the covering thereof, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, ²⁶And the hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and the cords of it for all the service thereof.

²⁷And of Kehath was the family

of the Amramites, and the family of the Izeharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: *these are the families of the Kehathites.* ²⁸In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *were* eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary. ²⁹The families of the sons of Kehath shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward. ³⁰And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kehathites *shall be* Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. ³¹And their charge *shall be* the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they minister, and the hanging, and all the service thereof. ³²And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *shall be* chief over the chief of the Levites, *and have* the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

³³Of Merari *was* the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites: *these are the families of Merari.* ³⁴And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *were* six thousand and two hundred. ³⁵And the chief of the house of the father of the families of Merari *was* Zuriel the son of Abihail: *these* shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward. ³⁶And *under* the custody and charge of the sons of Merari *shall be* the boards of the tabernacle, and the

bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and all the vessels thereof, and all that serveth thereto. ³⁷And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

³⁸But those that encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, *even* before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, *shall be* Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Israel: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

³⁹All that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the Lord, throughout their families, all the males from a month old and upward, *were* twenty and two thousand.

⁴⁰And the Lord said unto Moses, Number all the first-born of the males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names. ⁴¹And thou shalt take the Levites for me (*I am* the Lord) instead of all the first-born among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel.

⁴²And Moses numbered, as the Lord commanded him, all the first-born among the children of Israel. ⁴³And all the first-born males by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of

them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.

"And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, "Take the Levites instead of all the first-born among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be mine; I am the Lord. "And for those that are to be redeemed of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen of the first-born of the children of Israel, that are more than the Levites; "Thou shalt even take five shekels apiece by the poll, after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take them: (the shekel is twenty gerahs:) "And thou shalt give the money, wherewith the odd number of them is to be redeemed, unto Aaron and to his sons.

"And Moses took the redemption money of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites: "Of the first-born of the children of Israel took he the money; a thousand three hundred and threescore and five *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary: "And Moses gave the money of them that were redeemed unto Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.

4 And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, "Take the sum of the sons of Kehath from among the sons

of Levi, after their families, by the house of their fathers, "From thirty years old and upward, even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation. "This shall be the service of the sons of Kehath in the tabernacle of the congregation, *about* the most holy things: "And when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall come, and his sons, and they shall take down the covering veil, and cover the ark of testimony with it: "And shall put thereon the covering of badgers' skins, and shall spread over it a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in the staves thereof. "And upon the table of shewbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the purifying vessels, and the bowls to pour withal: and the continual bread shall be thereon: "And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put in the staves thereof. "And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the candlestick of the light, and its lamps, and its tongs, and its snuffdishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it: "And they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put it upon a bar. "And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put in the staves

thereof: ¹²And they shall take all the vessels of ministry, wherewith they minister in the sanctuary, and put *them* in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put *them* on a bar: ¹³And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth thereon: ¹⁴And they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, *even* the censers, the flesh-hooks, and the shovels, and the basins, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers' skins, and put in the staves of it. ¹⁵And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kehath shall come to bear it: but they shall not touch *any* holy thing, lest they die. *These things are* the burden of the sons of Kehath in the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹⁶And to the office of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *pertaineth* the oil for light, and the sweet incense, and the daily meal-offering, and the anointing oil, *and* the oversight of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein is, in the sanctuary, and in the vessels thereof.

¹⁷And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, ¹⁸Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kehathites from among the Levites: ¹⁹But thus do unto them, that they may live, and

not die, when they approach unto the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden: ²⁰But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die.

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²¹And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²²Take also the sum of the sons of Gershon, throughout the houses of their fathers, by their families; ²³From thirty years old and upward until fifty years old shalt thou number them; all that enter in to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation. ²⁴This *is* the service of the families of the Gershonites, to serve, and for burdens: ²⁵And they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, its covering, and the covering of the badgers' skins that *is* above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, ²⁶And the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and all that *is* made for them: so shall they serve. ²⁷At the appointment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burdens, and in all their service: and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their bur-

sons. ²⁸This is the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation: and their charge *shall be* under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

²⁹As for the sons of Merari, thou shalt number them after their families, by the house of their fathers; ³⁰From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation. ³¹And this is the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation; the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and sockets thereof, ³²And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ye shall reckon the instruments of the charge of their burden. ³³This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service, in the tabernacle of the congregation, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

³⁴And Moses and Aaron and the chiefs of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kehathites after their families, and after the house of their fathers, ³⁵From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle

of the congregation: ³⁶And those that were numbered of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty. ³⁷These *were* they that were numbered of the families of the Kehathites, all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

³⁸And those that were numbered of the sons of Gershon, throughout their families, and by the house of their fathers, ³⁹From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation, ⁴⁰Even those that were numbered of them, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, were two thousand and six hundred and thirty. ⁴¹These *are* they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the Lord.

⁴²And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, ⁴³From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation, ⁴⁴Even those that were numbered of them after their families, were three

thousand and two hundred. ⁴⁵These *are* those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

⁴⁶All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the chiefs of Israel numbered, after their families, and after the house of their fathers, ⁴⁷From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that came to do the service of the ministry, and the service of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation, ⁴⁸Even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand and five hundred and fourscore. ⁴⁹According to the commandment of the Lord they were numbered by the hand of Moses, every one according to his service, and according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as the Lord commanded Moses.

5 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead: ³Both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell.

⁴And the children of Israel did so, and put them out without the camp: as the Lord spoke unto Moses, so did the children of Israel.

⁵And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ⁶Speak unto the children of Israel,

When a man or a woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the Lord, and that person be guilty; ⁷Then they shall confess their sin which they have done: and he shall recompense his trespass with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth *part* thereof, and give *it* unto *him* against whom he hath trespassed. ⁸But if the man have no kinsman to recompense the trespass unto, let the trespass be recompensed unto the Lord, *even* to the priest; besides the ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement shall be made for him.

⁹And every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his. ¹⁰And every man's hallowed things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his.

¹¹And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹²Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,

If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him, ¹³And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept secret, and she be defiled, and *there be* no witness against her, neither she be caught *in the act*, ¹⁴And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him

and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled: ¹⁵Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth part of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it is an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance. ¹⁶And the priest shall bring her near and set her before the Lord: ¹⁷And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water: ¹⁸And the priest shall set the woman before the Lord, and uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which is the jealousy-offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse: ¹⁹And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness with another instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse: ²⁰But if thou hast gone aside to another instead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee besides thine husband; ²¹Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The Lord make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the Lord doth make thy thigh to

fall away, and thy belly to swell; ²²And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to fall away: And the woman shall say, Amen, amen. ²³And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot them out with the bitter water: ²⁴And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter. ²⁵Then the priest shall take the jealousy-offering out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the Lord, and offer it upon the altar: ²⁶And the priest shall take a handful of the offering, even the memorial thereof, and burn it upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water. ²⁷And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, that, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall fall away: and the woman shall be a curse among her people. ²⁸And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.

²⁹This is the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside to another instead of her husband, and is defiled; ³⁰Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and

shall set the woman before the Lord, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law. ²¹Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

6 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,

When either man or woman shall separate *themselves* to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate *themselves* unto the Lord: ³He shall separate *himself* from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried. ⁴All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk. ⁵All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in which he separateth *himself* unto the Lord, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow. ⁶All the days that he separateth *himself* unto the Lord he shall come at no dead body. ⁷He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the consecration of his God is upon his head. ⁸All the days of his separation he is holy unto the Lord. ⁹And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he

hath defiled the head of his consecration; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it. ¹⁰And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: ¹¹And the priest shall offer the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, and make an atonement for him, for that he sinned by the dead, and shall hallow his head that same day. ¹²And he shall consecrate unto the Lord the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year for a trespass-offering: but the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled.

¹³And this is the law of the Nazarite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: ¹⁴And he shall offer his offering unto the Lord, one he-lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt-offering, and one ewe-lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin-offering, and one ram without blemish for peace-offerings, ¹⁵And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings. ¹⁶And the priest shall bring *them* before the Lord, and shall offer his sin-offering, and his burnt-offering: ¹⁷And

he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the Lord, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meal-offering, and his drink-offering. ¹⁸And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it in the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace-offerings. ¹⁹And the priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them upon the hands of the Nazarite, after the hair of his separation is shaven: ²⁰And the priest shall wave them for a wave-offering before the Lord: this is holy for the priest, with the wave-breast and heave-shoulder: and after that the Nazarite may drink wine.

²¹This is the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed, and of his offering unto the Lord for his separation, besides that which he is able to give: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

²²And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²³Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, ²⁴The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: ²⁵The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: ²⁶The Lord lift up his

countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

²⁷And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

7 And it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them; ²That the princes of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, who were the princes of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered, offered: ³And they brought their offering before the Lord, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle. ⁴And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ⁵Take it of them, that they may be to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service. ⁶And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites. ⁷Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to their service: ⁸And four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according unto their service, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. ⁹But unto the sons of Kehath he gave none: because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them

was that they should bear upon their shoulders.

¹⁰And the princes offered for the dedicating of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their offering before the altar. ¹¹And the Lord said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

¹²And he that offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab of the tribe of Judah: ¹³And his offering was one silver charger, the weight thereof was a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them were full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering: ¹⁴One spoon of ten *shekels* of gold, full of incense: ¹⁵One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: ¹⁶One male of the goats for a sin-offering: ¹⁷And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

¹⁸On the second day Nethaneel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, did offer: ¹⁹He offered for his offering one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering:

²⁰One spoon of gold of ten *shekels*, full of incense: ²¹One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

²²One male of the goats for a sin-offering: ²³And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

²⁴On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, prince of the children of Zebulun, did offer: ²⁵His offering was one silver charger the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering:

²⁶One golden spoon of ten *shekels* full of incense: ²⁷One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

²⁸One male of the goats for a sin-offering: ²⁹And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

³⁰On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben did offer:

³¹His offering was one silver charger of the weight of a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering:

³²One golden spoon of ten *shekels*:

full of incense: ³³One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: ³⁴One male of the goats for a sin-offering: ³⁵And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

³⁶On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the children of Simeon, did offer: ³⁷His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering: ³⁸One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense: ³⁹One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: ⁴⁰One male of the goats for a sin-offering: ⁴¹And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

⁴²On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad, offered: ⁴³His offering was one silver charger of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering: ⁴⁴One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense: ⁴⁵One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year,

for a burnt-offering: ⁴⁶One male of the goats for a sin-offering: ⁴⁷And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

⁴⁸On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim, offered: ⁴⁹His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering: ⁵⁰One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense: ⁵¹One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: ⁵²One male of the goats for a sin-offering: ⁵³And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

⁵⁴On the eighth day offered Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the children of Manasseh: ⁵⁵His offering was one silver charger of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering: ⁵⁶One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense: ⁵⁷One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: ⁵⁸One male of the goats

for a sin-offering: ⁵⁹And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

⁶⁰On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideon, prince of the children of Benjamin, *offered*: ⁶¹His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering: ⁶²One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: ⁶³One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: ⁶⁴One male of the goats for a sin-offering: ⁶⁵And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Abidan the son of Gideon.

⁶⁶On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the children of Dan, *offered*: ⁶⁷His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering: ⁶⁸One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: ⁶⁹One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: ⁷⁰One male of the goats for a sin-offering: ⁷¹And for a

sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

⁷²On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ochran, prince of the children of Asher, *offered*: ⁷³His offering *was* one silver charger the weight whereof *was* a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering: ⁷⁴One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: ⁷⁵One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: ⁷⁶One male of the goats for a sin-offering: ⁷⁷And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Pagiel the son of Ochran.

⁷⁸On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali, *offered*: ⁷⁹His offering *was* one silver charger the weight whereof *was* a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering: ⁸⁰One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: ⁸¹One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: ⁸²One male of the goats for a sin-offering: ⁸³And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five

rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

"This was the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel: twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold: "Each charger of silver weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, each bowl seventy: all the silver vessels weighed two thousand and four hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: "The golden spoons were twelve, full of incense, weighing ten shekels apiece, after the shekel of the sanctuary: all the gold of the spoons was a hundred and twenty shekels. "All the oxen for the burnt-offering were twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their meal-offerings: and the males of the goats for sin-offering twelve. "And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace-offerings were twenty and four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he-goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This was the dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.

"And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy seat that was upon the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubim: and he spoke unto him.

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8 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, "Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light over against the candlestick. "And Aaron did so; he lighted the lamps thereof over against the candlestick, as the Lord commanded Moses. "And this work of the candlestick was of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, was beaten work: according unto the pattern which the Lord had shewn Moses, so he made the candlestick.

"And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, "Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them. "And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle purifying water upon them and let them pass a razor over all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean. "Then let them take a young bullock with his meal-offering, even fine flour mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin-offering. "And thou shalt bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together: "And thou shalt bring the Levites before the Lord: and the children of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites: "And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the Lord for an offer-

ing of the children of Israel, that they may execute the service of the Lord. ¹²And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou shalt offer the one *for* a sin-offering, and the other *for* a burnt-offering, unto the Lord, to make an atonement for the Levites. ¹³And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them *for* an offering unto the Lord. ¹⁴Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be mine. ¹⁵And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them *for* an offering. ¹⁶For they *are* wholly given unto me from among the children of Israel; instead of such as open every womb, *even instead of* the first-born of all the children of Israel, have I taken them unto me. ¹⁷For all the first-born of the children of Israel *are* mine, *both* man and beast: on the day that I smote every first-born in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself. ¹⁸And I have taken the Levites for all the first-born of the children of Israel. ¹⁹And I have given the Levites *as* a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel: that there be no plague

among the children of Israel when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary.

²⁰Thus did Moses, and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel, to the Levites according unto all that the Lord commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them. ²¹And the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them *as* an offering before the Lord; and Aaron made an atonement for them to cleanse them. ²²And after that went the Levites in to do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation before Aaron, and before his sons: as the Lord had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

²³And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²⁴This *is it* that *belongeth* unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: ²⁵And from the age of fifty years they shall cease from the service *there of*, and shall serve no more: ²⁶But shall minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charge.

9 And the Lord spoke unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying

¹Let the children of Israel also keep the passover at its appointed season. ²In the fourteenth day of this month, at even, ye shall keep it in its appointed season: according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof, shall ye keep it.

³And Moses spoke unto the children of Israel, that they should keep the passover. ⁴And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel. ⁵And there were certain men, who were defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day: ⁶And those men said unto him, *We are defiled by the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of the Lord in its appointed season among the children of Israel?* ⁷And Moses said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what the Lord will command concerning you.

⁸And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ⁹Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto the Lord. ¹⁰The fourteenth day of the second

month at even they shall keep it, and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter *herbs*. ¹¹They shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover they shall keep it. ¹²But the man that is clean, and is not on a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from among his people: because he brought not the offering of the Lord in its appointed season, that man shall bear his sin. ¹³And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the Lord; according to the ordinance of the passover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for the native of the land.

¹⁴And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, *namely*, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning. ¹⁵So it was always: the cloud covered it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night. ¹⁶And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents. ¹⁷At the commandment of the Lord the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the Lord they pitched: as long as the cloud

abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents. ¹⁹And when the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the Lord, and journeyed not. ²⁰And sometimes the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; then according to the commandment of the Lord they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the Lord they journeyed. ²¹And sometimes the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and when the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed; or a day and a night, when the cloud was taken up, they journeyed. ²²Or *whether it were* two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed. ²³At the commandment of the Lord they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the Lord they journeyed: they kept the charge of the Lord, at the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

10 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them; that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps. ³And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the

congregation. ⁴And if they blow *but* with one trumpet, then the princes, *who are* heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee. ⁵When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward. ⁶When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. ⁷But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm. ⁸And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations. ⁹And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the Lord your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. ¹⁰Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace-offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I *am* the Lord your God.

¹¹And it came to pass on the twentieth *day* of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony. ¹²And the children of Israel took

their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran. ¹³And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moses. ¹⁴In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host *was* Nahshon the son of Amminadab. ¹⁵And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar *was* Nethaneel the son of Zuar. ¹⁶And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun *was* Eliab the son of Helon. ¹⁷And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward, bearing the tabernacle. ¹⁸And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies: and over his host *was* Elizur the son of Shedeur. ¹⁹And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon *was* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. ²⁰And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad *was* Eliasaph the son of Deuel. ²¹And the Kehathites set forward, bearing the sanctuary: and *the others* did set up the tabernacle against they came. ²²And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his host *was* Elishama the son of Ammihud. ²³And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manassah *was* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. ²⁴And over the host of the tribe

of the children of Benjamin *was* Abidan the son of Gideoni. ²⁵And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, *which was* the rear-guard of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host *was* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. ²⁶And over the host of the tribe of the children of Asher *was* Pagiel the son of Ochran. ²⁷And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naphtali *was* Ahira the son of Enan. ²⁸Thus *were* the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their armies, when they set forward.

²⁹And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel. ³⁰And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred. ³¹And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes. ³²And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the Lord shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.

³³And they departed from the mount of the Lord three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for

them. ³⁴And the cloud of the Lord *was* upon them by day, when they went out of the camp. ³⁵And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee. ³⁶And when it rested, he said, Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel.

11 And *when* the people complained, it displeased the Lord: and the Lord heard *it*; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and consumed *them that were* in the uttermost parts of the camp. ²And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the Lord, the fire was quenched. ³And he called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the Lord burnt among them.

⁴And the mixed multitude that *was* among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? ⁵We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: ⁶But now our soul is dried away: *there is* nothing at all, besides this manna, *before* our eyes. ⁷And the manna *was* as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium. ⁸And the people went about, and gathered *it*, and ground *it* in a mill, or beat *it* in a mortar, and

baked *it* in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil. ⁹And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

¹⁰Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the Lord was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased. ¹¹And Moses said unto the Lord, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? ¹²Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou hast sworn unto their fathers? ¹³Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people, for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat. ¹⁴I am not able to bear all this people alone, because *it is* too heavy for me. ¹⁵And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

¹⁶And the Lord said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them, and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. ¹⁷And I will come down and talk

with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone. ¹⁸And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the Lord, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the Lord will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. ¹⁹Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days; ²⁰But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the Lord who is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt? ²¹And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. ²²Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them? ²³And the Lord said unto Moses, Is the Lord's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

²⁴And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the Lord, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the

tabernacle. ²⁵And the Lord came down in a cloud, and spoke unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, but they did so no longer. ²⁶But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp. ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them. ²⁹And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them! ³⁰And Moses withdrew into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

³¹And there went forth a wind from the Lord, and drove up quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high over the face of the earth. ³²And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the

quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread *them* all abroad for themselves round about the camp. ³²And while the flesh *was* yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord smote the people with a very great plague. ³⁴And he called the name of that place Kibroth-hataavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.

³⁵From Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeyed unto Hazeroth; and they abode at Hazeroth.

12 And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. ²And they said, Hath the Lord indeed spoken only with Moses? hath he not spoken also with us? And the Lord heard it. ³(Now the man Moses *was* very meek, above all the men that *were* upon the face of the earth.) ⁴And the Lord spoke suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out. ⁵And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth. ⁶And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, *I* the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, *and* will speak unto him in a dream. ⁷My servant Moses

is not so, he is faithful in all mine house. ⁸With him will speak mouth to mouth, even manifestly, and not in dark speeches, and the similitude of the Lord shall he behold: wherefore they were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses? ⁹And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them; and he departed. ¹⁰And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam *became* leprous, *white* as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, *she was* leprous. ¹¹And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us wherein we have done foolishly and wherein we have sinned. ¹²Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb. ¹³And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, Heal her now O God, I beseech thee. ¹⁴And the Lord said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in *again*. ¹⁵And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in *again*. ¹⁶And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

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13 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Send the

men, that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a leader among them. ³And Moses by the commandment of the Lord sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men *were* heads of the children of Israel. ⁴And these *were* their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shamus the son of Zaccur. ⁵Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori. ⁶Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. ⁷Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. ⁸Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun. ⁹Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu. ¹⁰Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi. ¹¹Of the tribe of Joseph, *namely*, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi. ¹²Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli. ¹³Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael. ¹⁴Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi. ¹⁵Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. ¹⁶These *are* the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Jehoshua. ¹⁷And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain: ¹⁸And see the land, what it is: and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they *be* strong or weak, few or many; ¹⁹And what the land *is*

that they dwell in, whether it *be* good or bad: and what cities they *be* that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strongholds. ²⁰And what the land *is*, whether it *be* fat or lean, whether there *be* wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time *was* the time of the first-ripe grapes. ²¹So they went up, and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath. ²²And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, *were*. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) ²³And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bore it between two upon a staff; and *they brought* of the pomegranates, and of the figs. ²⁴The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence. ²⁵And they returned from spying out the land after forty days. ²⁶And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and

honey; and this is the fruit of it. ²⁸But the people are strong that dwell in the land, and the cities *are* walled, *and* very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. ²⁹Amalek dwelleth in the land of the south: and the Hittite, and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanite dwelleth by the sea, and by the Jordan. ³⁰And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. ³¹But the men that went up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we. ³²And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had spied out unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a great stature. ³³And there we saw the Nephilim, the sons of Anak, *who come* of the Nephilim: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

14 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. ²And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! ³And wherefore hath the Lord

brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt? ⁴And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. ⁵Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. ⁶And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *who were* of them that spied out the land, rent their clothes: ⁷And they spoke unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to spy it out, *is* an exceeding good land. ⁸If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us, a land which floweth with milk and honey. ⁹Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they *are* bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the Lord *is* with us: fear them not. ¹⁰But all the congregation baded stone them with stones. And the glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

¹¹And the Lord said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will I be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them? ¹²I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier

than they. ¹³And Moses said unto the Lord, Then the Egyptians shall hear it (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;) ¹⁴And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou Lord art among this people, that thou Lord art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night. ¹⁵Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying, ¹⁶Because the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness. ¹⁷And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying, ¹⁸The Lord is long-suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. ¹⁹Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

²⁰And the Lord said, I have pardoned according to thy word: ²¹But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord. ²²Because all those men who have seen my glory, and

my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; ²³Surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: ²⁴But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. ²⁵(Now the Amalekite and the Canaanite dwelt in the valley.) To-morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

²⁶And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, ²⁷How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, that murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me. ²⁸Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: ²⁹Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, that have murmured against me, ³⁰Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I swore to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. ³¹But your little ones, that ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and

they shall know the land which ye have despised. ³²But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness. ³³And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your backslidings, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. ³⁴After the number of the days in which ye spied out the land, *even* forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, *even* forty years, and ye shall know my enmity. ³⁵I the Lord have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

³⁶And the men, whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land, ³⁷Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the Lord. ³⁸But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *who were* of the men that went to spy out the land, lived *still*.

³⁹And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly. ⁴⁰And they rose up early in the morning, and got them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we *are here*, and will go up unto the place which the Lord hath promised: for we have sinned. ⁴¹And Moses said, Where-

fore now do ye transgress the commandment of the Lord? but it shall not prosper. ⁴²Go not up for the Lord is not among you that ye be not smitten before your enemies. ⁴³For the Amalekite and the Canaanite are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the Lord: therefore the Lord will not be with you. ⁴⁴But they presumed to go up unto the hilltop: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and Moses, departed not out of the camp. ⁴⁵Then the Amalekite came down, and the Canaanite that dwelt in that hill and smote them, and discomfited them, *even* unto Hormah.

15 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,

When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you, ³And will make an offering by fire unto the Lord, a burnt-offering, or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or in a free will-offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make a sweet savour unto the Lord, of the herd, or of the flock: ⁴Then shall he that offereth his offering unto the Lord bring a meal-offerings of a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth *part* of a hin of oil. ⁵And the fourth *part* of a hin of wine for a drink-offering shalt thou prepare with the burnt-offering or sacrifice, for one lamb. ⁶Or to a ram, thou shalt prepare for

meal-offering two tenth deals of flour mingled with the third *part* of a hin of oil. ⁷And for a drink-offering thou shalt offer the third *part* of a hin of wine, for a sweet savour unto the Lord. ⁸And when thou preparest a bullock for a burnt-offering, or for a sacrifice in performing a vow, or peace-offerings unto the Lord: ⁹Then shall he bring with a bullock a meal-offering of three tenth deals of flour mingled with half a hin of oil. ¹⁰And thou shalt bring for a drink-offering half a hin of wine, for an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord. ¹¹Thus shall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb or a kid. ¹²According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to every one according to their number. ¹³All that are born of the country shall do these things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord. ¹⁴And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever be among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord; as ye do, so he shall do. ¹⁵One ordinance shall be both for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth with you, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye are, so shall the stranger be before the Lord. ¹⁶One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

¹⁷And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹⁸Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,

When ye come into the land whither I bring you, ¹⁹Then it shall be, that, when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up a heave-offering unto the Lord. ²⁰Ye shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough for a heave-offering: as ye do the heave-offering of the threshing-floor, so shall ye heave it. ²¹Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto the Lord a heave-offering in your generations.

²²And if ye have erred, and not observed all these commandments, which the Lord hath spoken unto Moses, ²³Even all that the Lord hath commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the Lord commanded Moses, and henceforward among your generations; ²⁴Then it shall be, if ought be committed by ignorance without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt-offering, for a sweet savour unto the Lord, with his meal-offering, and his drink-offering, according to the manner, and one he-goat for a sin-offering. ²⁵And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them; for it is ignorance; and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord, and their sin-offering before the Lord, for their ignorance: ²⁶And it shall

be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; seeing all the people *were* in ignorance.

²⁷And if any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she-goat of the first year for a sin-offering. ²⁸And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the Lord, to make an atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him. ²⁹Ye shall have one law for him that sinneth through ignorance, *both* for him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them. ³⁰But the soul that doeth *ought* presumptuously, *whether he be* born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. ³¹Because he hath despised the word of the Lord, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity *shall be* upon him.

³²And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day. ³³And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. ³⁴And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him. ³⁵And the Lord said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone

him with stones without the camp. ³⁶And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the Lord commanded Moses.

³⁷And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ³⁸Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the border a thread of blue: ³⁹And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go astray: ⁴⁰That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God. ⁴¹*I am* the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: *I am* the Lord your God.

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16 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kehath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took courage: ²And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the congregation, those called to the assembly, men of renown: ³And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, *Ye take*

too much upon you, seeing all the congregation *are* holy, every one of them, and the Lord *is* among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord? ⁴And when Moses heard *it*, he fell upon his face: ⁵And he spoke unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to-morrow the Lord will shew who *are* his, and who *is* holy; and will cause *him* to come near unto him: even *him* whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him. ⁶This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company; ⁷And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the Lord to-morrow: and it shall be *that* the man whom the Lord doth choose, he *shall be* holy: *ye take* too much upon you, ye sons of Levi. ⁸And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi: ⁹*Seemeth it but* a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them? ¹⁰And he hath brought thee near to *him*, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also? ¹¹For which cause *both* thou and all thy company *are* gathered together against the Lord: and what *is* Aaron, that ye murmur against him? ¹²And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of

Eliah: and they said, We will not come up: ¹³*Is it* a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, that thou makest thyself altogether a prince over us? ¹⁴Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up. ¹⁵And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the Lord, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them. ¹⁶And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before the Lord, thou, and they, and Aaron, to-morrow: ¹⁷And take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the Lord every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each of *you* his censer. ¹⁸And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron. ¹⁹And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto all the congregation.

²⁰And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, ²¹Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may

consume them in a moment. ²²And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?

²³And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²⁴Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. ²⁵And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. ²⁶And he spoke unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins. ²⁷So they got up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side; and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children. ²⁸And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the Lord hath sent me to do all these works; for *I have not done them of mine own mind.* ²⁹If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; *then* the Lord hath not sent me. ³⁰But if the Lord make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that *appertain* unto them, and they go down alive into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the Lord.

³¹And it came to pass, as he

had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clove asunder that *was* under them: ³²And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods. ³³They, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation. ³⁴And all Israel that *were* round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up *also*. ³⁵And there came out a fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

17 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are hallowed. ³The censers of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them broad plates *for* a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the Lord, therefore they are hallowed: and they shall be a sign unto the children of Israel. ⁴And Eleazar the priest took the brazen censers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they made them broad *plates for* a covering of the altar: ⁵*To be* a memorial unto the children of Israel, that no stranger, that *is* not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the Lord; that he

be not as Korah, and as his company: as the Lord said to him by the hand of Moses.

⁴But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the Lord. ⁵And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation; and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared. ⁶And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁷And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ⁸Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces. ⁹And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and carry it quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the plague is begun. ¹⁰And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. ¹¹And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. ¹²Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides those that died about the matter of

Korah. ¹³And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.

¹⁴And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹⁵Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of *their* fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod. ¹⁶And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod *shall be* for the head of the house of their fathers. ¹⁷And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you. ¹⁸And it shall come to pass, *that* the rod of the man, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against you.

¹⁹And Moses spoke unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, *even* twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron *was* among their rods. ²⁰And Moses laid up the rods before the Lord in the tabernacle of testimony. ²¹And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of testimony; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

²⁴And Moses brought out all the rods from before the Lord unto all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod.

²⁵And the Lord said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels, that their murmurings cease from me, and that they die not. ²⁶And Moses did so: as the Lord commanded him, so did he.

²⁷And the children of Israel spoke unto Moses, saying, Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish. ²⁸Every one that cometh near, that cometh near unto the tabernacle of the Lord shall die: shall we totally perish?

18 And the Lord said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy father's house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood. ²And thy brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may be joined unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee *shall minister* before the tabernacle of witness. ³And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the tabernacle: only they shall not come nigh the vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they, nor ye also, die. ⁴And they shall be joined unto thee, and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congre-

gation, for all the service of the tabernacle: and a stranger shall not come nigh unto you. ⁵And ye shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar: that there be no wrath any more upon the children of Israel. ⁶And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel: to you *they are given as a gift* for the Lord, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁷Therefore thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priest's office for every thing of the altar, and within the veil; and ye shall serve: I have given your priest's office *unto you as a service of gift*: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

⁸And the Lord spoke unto Aaron, Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine heave-offerings of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel: unto thee have I given them by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, by an ordinance for ever. ⁹This shall be thine of the most holy things, *reserved* from the fire: every oblation of theirs, and every meal-offering of theirs, and every sin-offering of theirs, and every trespass-offering of theirs, which they shall render unto me, *shall be* most holy for thee and for thy sons. ¹⁰In the most holy place shalt thou eat it; every male shall eat it: it shall be holy unto thee. ¹¹And this is thine; the heave-offering of their gift, with all

the wave-offerings of the children of Israel: I have given them unto thee, and to thy sons and to thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: every one that is clean in thy house shall eat of it. ¹²All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the first-fruits of those which they shall offer unto the Lord, them have I given thee. ¹³And whatsoever is first ripe in the land, which they shall bring unto the Lord, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house shall eat of it. ¹⁴Every thing devoted in Israel shall be thine. ¹⁵Every thing that openeth the womb in all flesh, which they bring unto the Lord, *whether it be of men or beasts*, shall be thine: nevertheless the first-born of man shalt thou surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem. ¹⁶And those that are to be redeemed from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thy estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs. ¹⁷But the firstling of an ox, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they are holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet savour unto the Lord. ¹⁸And the flesh of them shall be thine, as the wave-breast and as the right shoulder are thine. ¹⁹All the heave-offerings of the holy things,

which the children of Israel offer unto the Lord, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before the Lord unto thee and to thy seed with thee.

²⁰And the Lord spoke unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel. ²¹And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, *even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation*. ²²Neither must the children of Israel henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die. ²³But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: *it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations*, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance. ²⁴But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as a heave-offering unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

²⁵And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²⁶Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your

inheritance, then ye shall offer up a heave-offering of it for the Lord, *even a tenth part of the tithe.* ²⁷And *this* your heave-offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though *it were* the corn of the threshing-floor, and as the fulness of the wine-press. ²⁸Thus ye also shall offer a heave-offering unto the Lord of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the Lord's heave-offering to Aaron the priest. ²⁹Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave-offering of the Lord, of all the best thereof, *even the hallowed part thereof out of it.* ³⁰Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye have heaved the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites as the increase of the threshing-floor, and as the increase of the wine-press. ³¹And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it is your reward for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation. ³²And ye shall bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved from it the best of it: neither shall ye profane the holy things of the children of Israel, lest ye die.

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19 And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, ²This is the ordinance of the law which the Lord hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red cow without spot,

wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came a yoke: ³And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and *one* shall slay her before his face: ⁴And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times: ⁵And *one* shall burn the cow in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn: ⁶And the priest shall take cedar-wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast *it* into the midst of the burning of the cow. ⁷Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even. ⁸And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even. ⁹And a man *that is* clean shall gather up the ashes of the cow, and lay *them* up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of sprinkling: it is an offering of purification. ¹⁰And he that gathereth the ashes of the cow shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even; and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.

¹¹He that toucheth the dead

body of any man shall be unclean seven days. ¹²He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean. ¹³Whoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of sprinkling was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him.

¹⁴This is the law, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days. ¹⁵And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, is unclean. ¹⁶And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open field, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. ¹⁷And for an unclean person they shall take of the ashes of the burnt cow of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel: ¹⁸And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched the bone, or the slain, or the dead, or the grave: ¹⁹And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he

shall purify him; and he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even. ²⁰But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the Lord: the water of sprinkling hath not been sprinkled upon him: he is unclean. ²¹And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them, that he that sprinkleth the water of sprinkling shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of sprinkling shall be unclean until even. ²²And whatsoever the unclean person toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth it shall be unclean until even.

20 Then came the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there. ²And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. ³And the people strove with Moses, and spoke, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the Lord! ⁴And why have ye brought up the congregation of the Lord into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there? ⁵And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is

no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink. ⁶And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto them. ⁷And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ⁸Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth its water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. ⁹And Moses took the rod from before the Lord, as he commanded him. ¹⁰And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? ¹¹And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. ¹²And the Lord spoke unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them. ¹³This is the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the Lord, and he was sanctified in them.

¹⁴And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travail that hath befallen us: ¹⁵How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians vexed us, and our fathers: ¹⁶And when we cried unto the Lord, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we *are* in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border: ¹⁷Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country: we will not pass through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink of the water of the wells: we will go by the king's highway, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed thy borders. ¹⁸And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword. ¹⁹And the children of Israel said unto him, We will go by the highway: and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, then I will pay for it: I will only, without *doing* any thing *else*, go through on my feet. ²⁰And he said, Thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand. ²¹Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from him.

²²And the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadesh, and came un-

to mount Hor. ²³And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the border of the land of Edom, saying, ²⁴Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah. ²⁵Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor: ²⁶And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there. ²⁷And Moses did as the Lord commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. ²⁸And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount. ²⁹And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, *even* all the house of Israel.

21 And *when* the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who dwelt in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way of Atharim; then he fought against Israel, and took *some* of them prisoners. ²And Israel vowed a vow unto the Lord, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities. ³And the Lord hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites;

and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hormah.

⁴And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for *there is* no bread, neither *is there any* water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. ⁶And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. ⁷Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. ⁹And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

¹⁰And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in Oboth. ¹¹And they journeyed from Oboth, and pitched at Ije-abarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab, toward the sunrising. ¹²From thence they removed, and pitched

in the valley of Zered. ¹³From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which is the wilderness that cometh out of the border of the Amorites: for Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. ¹⁴Wherefore it is said in the book of the Wars of the Lord, Vaheb in Suphah, and the brooks of Arnon, ¹⁵And the course of the brooks that inclineth toward the dwelling of Ar, and leaneth upon the border of Moab. ¹⁶And from thence *they went* to Beer: that is the well whereof the Lord spoke unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water. ¹⁷Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it: ¹⁸The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people halloved it with the sceptre, with their staves. And from the wilderness *they went* to Mattanah: ¹⁹And from Mattanah to Nahaliel: and from Nahaliel to Bamoth: ²⁰And from Bamoth in the valley that is in the country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looketh toward Jeshimon.

²¹And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, ²²Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards; we will not drink of the waters of the well: *but* we will go along by the king's highway, until we be past thy borders. ²³And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together,

and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel. ²⁴And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon *was* strong. ²⁵And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all the villages thereof. ²⁶For Heshbon *was* the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon. ²⁷Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say, Come into Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and established. ²⁸For there is a fire gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon: it hath consumed Ar of Moab, *and* the lords of the high places of Arnon. ²⁹Woe to thee, Moab! thou art undone, O people of Chemosh: he hath rendered his sons fugitives, and his daughters captives unto Sihon king of the Amorites. ³⁰We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even unto Dibon, and we have laid them waste even unto Nophah, which *reacheth* unto Medeba.

³¹And Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites. ³²And Moses sent to spy out Jaazer, and they took the villages thereof, and drove out the Amorites that *were* there. ³³And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and *Ox*

the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle at Edrei. ³⁴And the Lord said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon. ³⁵So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they possessed his land.

22 And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan by Jericho.

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²And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. ³And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel. ⁴And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time. ⁵He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me:

⁶Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I know that he whom thou blestest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.

⁷And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spoke unto him the words of Balak. ⁸And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the Lord shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam. ⁹And God came unto Balaam, and said, What men are these with thee?

¹⁰And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, saying, ¹¹Behold, there is the people come out of Egypt, and it covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out. ¹²And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed. ¹³And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the Lord refuseth to give me leave to go with you. ¹⁴And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us.

¹⁵And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they. ¹⁶And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me: ¹⁷For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people. ¹⁸And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more. ¹⁹Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the Lord will say unto me more. ²⁰And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do. ²¹And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

²²And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the Lord stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him. ²³And the ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way. ²⁴But the angel

of the Lord stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall *being* on this side, and a wall on that side.

²⁵And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again. ²⁶And the angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place, where *was* no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. ²⁷And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff. ²⁸And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times? ²⁹And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee. ³⁰And the ass said unto Balaam, *Am* not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since *I was* thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay. ³¹Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell on his face. ³²And the angel of the Lord said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because *thy* way is perverse before me: ³³And the ass saw me, and turned

from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive. ³⁴And Balaam said unto the angel of the Lord, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me; now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again. ³⁵And the angel of the Lord said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

³⁶And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is at the utmost end of the border. ³⁷And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour? ³⁸And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak. ³⁹And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kirjath-huzoth. ⁴⁰And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him. ⁴¹And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people.

23 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams. ²And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram. ³And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt-offering, and I will go: peradventure the Lord will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to a high place. ⁴And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram. ⁵And the Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak. ⁶And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt-offering, he, and all the princes of Moab. ⁷And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse me, Jacob, and come, defy Israel. ⁸How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the Lord hath not defied? ⁹For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, it is a people that dwelleth alone and is not reckoned among the nations. ¹⁰Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

¹¹And Balak said unto Balaam,

What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed *them* altogether. ¹²And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the Lord hath put in my mouth? ¹³And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them: thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence. ¹⁴And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar. ¹⁵And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt-offering, while I meet *the Lord* yonder. ¹⁶And the Lord met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus. ¹⁷And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt-offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the Lord spoken? ¹⁸And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor: ¹⁹God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? ²⁰Behold, I have received *commandment* to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. ²¹He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverse-

ness in Israel: the Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them. ²²God who brought them out of Egypt hath as it were the strength of a unicorn. ²³Surely *there is* no enchantment against Jacob, neither *is there* any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought? ²⁴Behold, it is a people that shall rise up as a lioness, and lift himself up as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat *of* the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

²⁵And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all. ²⁶But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the Lord speaketh, that I must do? ²⁷And Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place: peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence. ²⁸And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward Jeshimon. ²⁹And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams. ³⁰And Balak did as Balaam had said and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.

24 And when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. ²And Balaam lifted

up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him. ³And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: ⁴He hath said, who heard the words of God, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: ⁵How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel! ⁶As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as aloes which the Lord hath planted, and as cedars beside the waters. ⁷He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. ⁸God who brought him forth out of Egypt is to him like the strength of a wild ox: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows. ⁹He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a lioness: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

¹⁰And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times. ¹¹Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto

great honour; but, lo, the Lord hath kept thee back from honour. ¹²And Balaam said unto Balak, Spoke I not also to thy messengers whom thou sentest unto me, saying, ¹³If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the Lord, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the Lord saith, that will I speak? ¹⁴And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days. ¹⁵And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: ¹⁶He hath said, who heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the Most High, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: ¹⁷I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. ¹⁸And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly. ¹⁹Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city. ²⁰And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he

perish for ever. ²¹And he looked on the Kenite, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwelling-place, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock. ²²Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive. ²³And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this! ²⁴And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.

²⁵And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

25 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit harlotry with the daughters of Moab. ²And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. ³And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel. ⁴And the Lord said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the Lord against the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel. ⁵And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baal-peor. ⁶And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the

tabernacle of the congregation. ⁷And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; ⁸And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. ⁹And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

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¹⁰And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹¹Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, and I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. ¹²Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: ¹³And he shall have it, and his seed after him, the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel. ¹⁴Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, that was slain with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a father's house among the Simeonites. ¹⁵And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was head over a people, and of a father's house in Midian. ¹⁶And the Lord spoke unto Mo-

ses, saying, ¹⁷Vex the Midianites, and smite them: ¹⁸For they vex you with their wives, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, who was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.

26 And it came to pass after the plague, ¹That the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying, ²Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, after their fathers' houses, all that are able to go to war in Israel. ³And Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke unto them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan near Jericho, saying, ⁴*Take the sum of the people, from twenty years old and upward; as the Lord commanded Moses and the children of Israel, that went forth out of the land of Egypt.*

⁵Reuben, the eldest son of Israel: the children of Reuben; Hanoch, *of whom cometh* the family of the Hanochites: of Pallu, the family of Palluites: ⁶Of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Carmi, the family of the Carmites. ⁷*These are* the families of the Reubenites: and they that were numbered of them were forty and three thousand and seven hundred and thirty. ⁸And the sons of Pallu: Eliab. ⁹And the sons of Eliab: Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. These are Dathan and Abiram, men con-

voked by the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against the Lord: ¹⁰And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, when the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: and they became a warning. ¹¹But the children of Korah died not.

¹²The sons of Simeon after their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites: of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites: of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites: ¹³Of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites: of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites. ¹⁴*These are* the families of the Simeonites, twenty and two thousand and two hundred.

¹⁵The children of Gad after their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites: of Haggi, the family of the Haggites: of Shuni, the family of the Shunites: ¹⁶Of Ozni, the family of the Oznites: of Eri, the family of the Erites: ¹⁷Of Arod, the family of the Arodites: of Areli, the family of the Arelites. ¹⁸*These are* the families of the children of Gad according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred.

¹⁹The sons of Judah were Er and Onan: and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. ²⁰And the sons of Judah after their families were; of Shelah, the fam-

ily of the Shelanites: of Perez, the family of the Perzites: of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites. ²¹And the sons of Perez were; of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites. ²²These *are* the families of Judah according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and sixteen thousand and five hundred.

²³Of the sons of Issachar after their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites: of Puva, the family of the Punites: ²⁴Of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites: of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites. ²⁵These *are* the families of Issachar according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and four thousand and three hundred.

²⁶Of the sons of Zebulun after their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites: of Elon, the family of the Elonites: of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites. ²⁷These *are* the families of the Zebulunites according to those that were numbered of them, threescore thousand and five hundred.

²⁸The sons of Joseph after their families *were* Manasseh and Ephraim. ²⁹Of the sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites: and Machir begot Gilead: of Gilead *come* the family of the Gileadites. ³⁰These *are* the sons of Gilead: of Iezer, the family of the Iezerites: of Helek, the family of the Helekites: ³¹And of Asriel, the family of the Asriel-

ites: and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites: ³²And of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites: and of Hephher, the family of the Hephherites. ³³And Zelophehad the son of Hephher had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad *were* Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. ³⁴These *are* the families of Manasseh, and those that were numbered of them, fifty and two thousand and seven hundred.

³⁵These *are* the sons of Ephraim after their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites: of Becher, the family of the Becherites: of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites. ³⁶And these *are* the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites. ³⁷These *are* the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those that were numbered of them, thirty and two thousand and five hundred. These *are* the sons of Joseph after their families.

³⁸The sons of Benjamin after their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites: of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites: of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites: ³⁹Of Shephupham, the family of the Shephuphamites: of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites. ⁴⁰And the sons of Bela *were* Ard and Naaman: of Ard, the family of the Ardites: and of Naaman, the family of the Naamites. ⁴¹These *are* the sons of Benjamin after their fam-

lles: and they that were numbered of them *were* forty and five thousand and six hundred.

⁴²These *are* the sons of Dan after their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These *are* the families of Dan after their families. ⁴³All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those that were numbered of them, *were* threescore and four thousand and four hundred.

⁴⁴Of the children of Asher after their families: of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites: of Jishvi, the family of the Jishvites: of Beriah, the family of the Berihites. ⁴⁵Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites: of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites. ⁴⁶And the name of the daughter of Asher *was* Sarah. ⁴⁷These *are* the families of the sons of Asher according to those that were numbered of them, fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

⁴⁸Of the sons of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites: of Guni, the family of the Gunites: ⁴⁹Of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites: of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites. ⁵⁰These *are* the families of Naphtali according to their families: and they that were numbered of them *were* forty and five thousand and four hundred.

⁵¹These *were* the numbered of the children of Israel, six hundred thousand and a thousand

seven hundred and thirty.

⁵²And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ⁵³Unto these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names. ⁵⁴To many thou shalt give the more inheritance, and to few thou shalt give the less inheritance: to every one shall his inheritance be given according to those that were numbered of him. ⁵⁵Notwithstanding the land shall be divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit. ⁵⁶According to the lot shall the possession thereof be divided between many and few.

⁵⁷And these *are* they that were numbered of the Levites after their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites: of Kehath, the family of the Kehathites: of Merari, the family of the Merarites. ⁵⁸These *are* the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites. And Kehath begot Amram. ⁵⁹And the name of Amram's wife *was* Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom *her mother* bore to Levi in Egypt: and she bore unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister. ⁶⁰And unto Aaron *was* born Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. ⁶¹And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the Lord.

⁶²And those that were num-

bered of them were twenty and three thousand, all males from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel.

⁶³These *are* they that were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan *near* Jericho. ⁶⁴But among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbered, when they numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. ⁶⁵For the Lord had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

27 Then came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of He-pher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph: and these *are* the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah. ²And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying, ³Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the Lord in the company of Korah; but died in his own sin, and had no sons. ⁴Why

should the name of our father be done away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us *therefore* a possession among the brethren of our father. ⁵And Moses brought their cause before the Lord. ⁶And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ⁷The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them. ⁸And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter. ⁹And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren. ¹⁰And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his father's brethren. ¹¹And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto the children of Israel a statute of judgment, as the Lord commanded Moses.

¹²And the Lord said unto Moses, Get thee up into this mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Israel. ¹³And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered. ¹⁴For ye rebelled against my commandment in the desert of Zin, in the

strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the water before their eyes: that is the water of Meribah in Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin. ¹⁵And Moses spoke unto the Lord, saying, ¹⁶Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, ¹⁷Who may go out before them, and who may go in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord be not as sheep which have no shepherd. ¹⁸And the Lord said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him; ¹⁹And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. ²⁰And thou shalt put *some* of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. ²¹And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of the Urim before the Lord; at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, *both* he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation:

²²And Moses did as the Lord commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: ²³And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses.

28 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Command the children of Israel, and say unto them,

My offering, *and* my bread for my sacrifices made by fire, *for* a sweet savour unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season. ³And thou shalt say unto them, This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the Lord; two lambs of the first year without spot day by day, *for* a continual burnt-offering. ⁴The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer at even; ⁵And a tenth *part* of an ephah of flour for a meal-offering, mingled with the fourth *part* of a hin of beaten oil. ⁶*It is* a continual burnt-offering, which was ordained in mount Sinai for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord. ⁷And the drink-offering thereof *shall be* the fourth *part* of a hin for the one lamb: in the holy *place* shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the Lord *for* a drink-offering. ⁸And the other lamb shalt thou offer at even: as the meal-offering of the morning, and as the drink-offering thereof, thou shalt offer *it*, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord.

⁹And on the sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth deals of flour *for* a meal-offering, mingled with oil, and the drink-offering thereof: ¹⁰*This is* the burnt-offering

of every sabbath, besides the continual burnt-offering, and its drink-offering.

¹¹And in the beginnings of your months ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto the Lord; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish: ¹²And three tenth deals of flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for one bullock; and two tenth deals of flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for one ram; ¹³And a several tenth deal of flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering unto one lamb; for a burnt-offering of a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord. ¹⁴And their drink-offerings shall be half a hin of wine unto a bullock, and the third part of a hin unto a ram, and a fourth part of a hin unto a lamb: this is the burnt-offering of every month throughout the months of the year. ¹⁵And one he-goat for a sin-offering unto the Lord shall be offered, besides the continual burnt-offering, and its drink-offering.

¹⁶And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the passover of the Lord. ¹⁷And in the fifteenth day of this month is the feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten. ¹⁸In the first day shall be a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work therein: ¹⁹But ye shall offer a sacrifice made by fire for a burnt-offering unto the Lord; two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year:

they shall be unto you without blemish: ²⁰And their meal-offering shall be of flour mingled with oil: three tenth deals shall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth deals for a ram; ²¹A several tenth deal shalt thou offer for every lamb of the seven lambs: ²²And one goat for a sin-offering, to make an atonement for you. ²³Ye shall offer these besides the burnt-offering in the morning, which is for a continual burnt-offering. ²⁴After this manner ye shall offer daily, throughout the seven days, the food of the sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord: it shall be offered besides the continual burnt-offering, and its drink-offering. ²⁵And on the seventh day ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

²⁶Also in the day of the first-fruits, when ye bring a new meal-offering unto the Lord, after your weeks be out, ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: ²⁷But ye shall offer the burnt-offering for a sweet savour unto the Lord; two young bullocks, one ram, seven lambs of the first year; ²⁸And their meal-offering of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto one bullock, two tenth deals unto one ram, ²⁹A several tenth deal unto each lamb of the seven lambs; ³⁰And one he-goat, to make an atonement for you. ³¹Ye shall offer them besides the continual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, (they shall be unto

you without blemish) and their drink-offerings.

29 And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you. ²And ye shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet savour unto the Lord; one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year without blemish: ³And their meal-offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals for a bullock, and two tenth deals for a ram, ⁴And one tenth deal for each lamb of the seven lambs: ⁵And one he-goat for a sin-offering, to make an atonement for you: ⁶Besides the burnt-offering of the month, and its meal-offering, and the daily burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and their drink-offerings, according unto their manner, for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord.

⁷And ye shall have on the tenth day of this seventh month a holy convocation; and ye shall afflict your souls: ye shall not do any work therein: ⁸But ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto the Lord for a sweet savour; one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year; they shall be unto you without blemish: ⁹And their meal-offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals to a bullock, and two tenth deals to one ram, ¹⁰A several tenth deal for each lamb of the seven lambs: ¹¹One he-goat for

a sin-offering; besides the sin-offering of atonement, and the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering of it, and their drink-offerings. ¹²And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord seven days: ¹³And ye shall offer a burnt-offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year; they shall be without blemish: ¹⁴And their meal-offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth deals to each ram of the two rams, ¹⁵And a several tenth deal to each lamb of the fourteen lambs: ¹⁶And one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, its meal-offering, and its drink-offering.

¹⁷And on the second day ye shall offer twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish: ¹⁸And their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner: ¹⁹And one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings.

²⁰And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

²¹And their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner: ²²And one goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and its drink-offering.

²³And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish: ²⁴Their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner: ²⁵And one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, its meal-offering, and its drink-offering.

²⁶And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish: ²⁷And their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner: ²⁸And one goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and its drink-offering.

²⁹And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish: ³⁰And their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner: ³¹And one goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual

burnt-offering, its meal-offering, and its drink-offerings.

³²And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish: ³³And their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner: ³⁴And one goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, its meal-offering, and its drink-offering.

³⁵On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work therein: ³⁶But ye shall offer a burnt-offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord: one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish: ³⁷Their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner: ³⁸And one goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and its drink-offering.

³⁹These things ye shall do unto the Lord in your set feasts, besides your vows, and your free-will-offerings, for your burnt-offerings, and for your meal-offerings, and for your drink-offerings, and for your peace-offerings.

30 And Moses told the children of Israel according to all that the Lord commanded Moses.

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¹And Moses spoke unto the heads of the tribes of the children of Israel, saying, *This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded.*

²If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth. ³If a woman also vow a vow unto the Lord, and bind *herself* by a bond, *being* in her father's house in her youth; ⁴And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand. ⁵But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the Lord shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her. ⁶And if she had at all a husband, when she vowed, or uttered ought out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul; ⁷And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her in the day that he heard it: then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bound her soul shall stand. ⁸But if her husband disallowed her on the day that he heard it; then he shall make void her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with

her lips, wherewith she bound her soul; and the Lord shall forgive her. ⁹But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her. ¹⁰And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath; ¹¹And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, and disallowed her not: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand. ¹²But if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard *them*; *then* whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and the Lord shall forgive her. ¹³Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void. ¹⁴But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day; then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which *are* upon her: he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard *them*. ¹⁵But if he shall make them void after that he hath heard *them*; then he shall bear her iniquity.

¹⁶These *are* the statutes, which the Lord commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, *being yet* in her youth in her father's house.

31 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people.

³And Moses spoke unto the people, saying, Arm some of yourselves unto the war, and let them go against the Midianites, to execute the Lord's vengeance on Midian. ⁴Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war.

⁵So there were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of *every* tribe, twelve thousand armed for war. ⁶And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of *every* tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy vessels, and the trumpets to blow in his hand. ⁷And they warred against the Midianites, as the Lord commanded Moses; and they slew all the males. ⁸And they slew the kings of Midian, besides the rest of them that were slain; *namely*, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword. ⁹And the children of Israel took *all* the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods. ¹⁰And all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their castles, they burnt with fire. ¹¹And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, *both* of men and of beasts. ¹²And they brought the captives, and

the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan *near* Jericho.

¹³And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp. ¹⁴And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, *with* the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, that came from the battle. ¹⁵And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive? ¹⁶Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the Lord in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the Lord. ¹⁷Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him. ¹⁸But all the women children, that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves. ¹⁹And do ye abide without the camp seven days: whosoever hath killed any person, and whosoever hath touched any slain, purify *both* yourselves and your captives on the third day, and on the seventh day. ²⁰And purify all *your* raiment, and all that is made of skins, and all work of goats' *hair*, and all things made of wood.

²¹And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war that went to the battle, This is the ordi-

nance of the law which the Lord commanded Moses; ²²Only the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead, ²³Every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make *it* go through the fire, and it shall be clean: nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of sprinkling; and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make go through the water. ²⁴And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye shall come into the camp.

²⁵And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²⁶Take the sum of the prey that was taken, *both* of man and of beast, thou, and Eleazar the priest, and the chief fathers of the congregation: ²⁷And divide the prey into two parts; between them that took the war upon them, who went out to battle, and between all the congregation: ²⁸And levy a tribute unto the Lord of the men of war that went out to battle: one soul of five hundred, *both* of the persons, and of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep: ²⁹Take *it* of their half, and give *it* unto Eleazar the priest, *for* a heave-offering of the Lord. ³⁰And of the children of Israel's half, thou shalt take one portion of fifty, of the persons, of the beeves, of the asses, and of the flocks, of all manner of beasts, and give them unto the Levites, that keep the charge of the tabernacle of the Lord.

³¹And Moses and Eleazar the

priest did as the Lord commanded Moses. ³²And the booty, *being* the rest of the prey which the men of war had caught, was six hundred thousand and seventy thousand and five thousand sheep, ³³And threescore and twelve thousand beeves, ³⁴And threescore and one thousand asses, ³⁵And thirty and two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known man by lying with him. ³⁶And the half, *which was* the portion of those that went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand and seven and thirty thousand and five hundred sheep: ³⁷And the Lord's tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and fifteen. ³⁸And the beeves *were* thirty and six thousand; of which the Lord's tribute *was* threescore and twelve. ³⁹And the asses *were* thirty thousand and five hundred; of which the Lord's tribute *was* threescore and one. ⁴⁰And the persons *were* sixteen thousand; of which the Lord's tribute *was* thirty and two persons. ⁴¹And Moses gave the tribute, *which was* the Lord's heave-offering, unto Eleazar the priest, as the Lord commanded Moses. ⁴²And of the children of Israel's half, which Moses divided from the men that warred, ⁴³(Now the half *that pertained* unto the congregation was three hundred thousand and thirty thousand and seven thousand and five hundred sheep, ⁴⁴And thirty and six thousand beeves, ⁴⁵And thirty thousand asses and five

hundred, ⁴⁶And sixteen thousand persons;) ⁴⁷Even of the children of Israel's half, Moses took one portion of fifty, *both* of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, that kept the charge of the tabernacle of the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.

⁴⁸And the officers that *were* over thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses: ⁴⁹And they said unto Moses, Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of war that *are* under our charge, and there lacketh not one man of us. ⁵⁰We have therefore brought an offering for the Lord, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the Lord.

⁵¹And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, *even* all wrought jewels. ⁵²And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the Lord, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels. ⁵³(*For* the men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.) ⁵⁴And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, *for* a memorial for the children of Israel before the Lord.

32 Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had

a very great multitude of cattle and when they saw the land (Jazer, and the land of Gilead that, behold, the place *was* place for cattle; ²The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spoke unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation saying, ³Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon, ⁴Even the country which the Lord smote before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle: ⁵Wherefore, said they, we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over the Jordan.

⁶And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here? ⁷And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the Lord hath given them? ⁸Thus did your fathers, when they sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land. ⁹For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the Lord had given them. ¹⁰And the Lord's anger was kindled the same time, and he swore, saying, ¹¹Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward

shall see the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me: ¹²Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the Lord. ¹³And the Lord's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the Lord, was consumed. ¹⁴And, behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of the Lord toward Israel. ¹⁵For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people.

¹⁶And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheep-folds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones: But we ourselves will go armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them into their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land. ¹⁷We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance. ¹⁸For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan, or onward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side of the Jordan eastward.

¹⁹And Moses said unto them, Ye will do this thing, if ye

will go armed before the Lord to war, ²¹And every armed man of you will pass over the Jordan before the Lord, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him, ²²And the land be subdued before the Lord: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the Lord, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the Lord. ²³But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out. ²⁴Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.

²⁵And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spoke unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth. ²⁶Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead: ²⁷But thy servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the Lord to battle, as my lord saith.

²⁸So concerning them Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel: ²⁹And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over the Jordan, every man armed to battle, before the Lord, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession: ³⁰But

if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.

³¹And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying: As the Lord hath said unto thy servants, so will we do. ³²We will pass over armed before the Lord into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance on this side of the Jordan, *may be ours*.

³³And Moses gave unto them, *even* to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Manassch the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, with the cities thereof in the borders, *even* the cities of the country round about. ³⁴And the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer, ³⁵And Atroth-shophan, and Jaazer, and Jogbehah, ³⁶And Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fenced cities: and folds for sheep.

³⁷And the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kirjathaim, ³⁸And Nebo, and Baal-meon, (their names being changed.) and Shibmah: and gave other names unto the cities which they builded. ³⁹And the children of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorite that *was* in it. ⁴⁰And Moses gave Gilead unto Machir the son of Manasseh; and he dwelt therein. ⁴¹And Jair the son of Manasseh went and

took the small towns thereof, and called them Havoth-jair. ⁴²And Nobah went and took Kenath, and the villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

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33 These *are* the journeys of the children of Israel, that went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron. ²And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the Lord: and these *are* their journeys according to their goings out.

³And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with a high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians. ⁴For the Egyptians buried all *the* first-born, that the Lord had smitten among them: upon their gods also the Lord executed judgments. ⁵And the children of Israel removed from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth. ⁶And they departed from Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which *is* in the edge of the wilderness. ⁷And they removed from Etham, and turned again unto Pi-hahiroth, which *is* before Baal-zephon: and they pitched before Migdol. ⁸And they departed from before Pi-hahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and

went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah. ⁹And they removed from Marah, and came unto Elim; and in Elim were twelve fountains of water, and threescore and seven palm trees; and they pitched there. ¹⁰And they removed from Elim, and encamped by the Red Sea. ¹¹And they removed from the Red Sea, and encamped in the wilderness of Sin. ¹²And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah. ¹³And they departed from Dophkah, and encamped in Alush. ¹⁴And they removed from Alush, and encamped at Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drink. ¹⁵And they departed from Rephidim, and pitched in the wilderness of Sinai. ¹⁶And they removed from the desert of Sinai, and pitched at Kibroth-hattaavah. ¹⁷And they departed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and encamped at Hazeroth. ¹⁸And they departed from Hazeroth, and pitched in Rithmah. ¹⁹And they departed from Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmon-perez. ²⁰And they departed from Rimmon-perez, and pitched in Libnah. ²¹And they removed from Libnah, and pitched at Rissah. ²²And they journeyed from Rissah, and pitched in Kehelathah. ²³And they went from Kehelathah, and pitched in mount Shepher. ²⁴And they removed from mount Shepher, and encamped in Haradah. ²⁵And they removed from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.

²⁶And they removed from Makheloth, and encamped at Tahath. ²⁷And they departed from Tahath, and pitched at Terah. ²⁸And they removed from Terah, and pitched in Mithcah. ²⁹And they went from Mithcah, and pitched in Hashmonah. ³⁰And they departed from Hashmonah, and encamped at Moseroth. ³¹And they departed from Moseroth, and pitched in Bene-jaakan. ³²And they removed from Bene-jaakan, and encamped at Hor-hagidgad. ³³And they went from Hor-hagidgad, and pitched in Jotbathah. ³⁴And they removed from Jotbathah, and encamped at Abironah. ³⁵And they departed from Abironah, and encamped at Ezion-geber. ³⁶And they removed from Ezion-geber, and pitched in the wilderness of Zin, which is Kadesh. ³⁷And they removed from Kadesh, and pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

³⁸And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of the Lord, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first day of the fifth month. ³⁹And Aaron was a hundred and twenty and three years old when he died in mount Hor. ⁴⁰And king Arad the Canaanite, who dwelt in the south in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel.

⁴¹And they departed from mount Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah.

⁴²And they departed from Zalmonah, and pitched in Punon. ⁴³And they departed from Punon, and pitched in Oboth. ⁴⁴And they departed from Oboth, and pitched in Ije-abarim, in the border of Moab. ⁴⁵And they departed from Ijim, and pitched in Dibon-gad. ⁴⁶And they removed from Dibon-gad, and encamped in Almon-diblathaim. ⁴⁷And they removed from Almon-diblathaim, and pitched in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo. ⁴⁸And they departed from the mountains of Abarim, and pitched in the plains of Moab by the Jordan *near* Jericho. ⁴⁹And they pitched by the Jordan, from Beth-jeshimoth *even* unto Abel-shittim in the plains of Moab.

⁵⁰And the Lord spoke unto Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan *near* Jericho, saying, ⁵¹Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,

When ye are passed over the Jordan into the land of Canaan; ⁵²Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and demolish all their high places: ⁵³And ye shall dispossess *the inhabitants* of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it. ⁵⁴And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: *and* to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance:

every man's *inheritance* shall be in the place where his lot falleth according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit. ⁵⁵But ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass that those that ye let remain among them *shall be* pricks in your eye and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell. ⁵⁶And it shall come to pass that I shall do unto you, as ye thought to do unto them.

34 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ²Command the children of Israel, and say unto them,

When ye come into the land of Canaan; (this is the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, *even* the land of Canaan according to the borders thereof:) ³Then your south side shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the border of Edom, and your south border shall be the outmost end of the Salt Sea eastward: ⁴And your border shall turn from the south to the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass on to Zin, and the going forth thereof shall be from the south to Kadesh-barnea, and shall go on to Hazar-addar, and pass on to Azmon. ⁵And the border shall turn about from Azmon unto the river of Egypt, and the goings out of it shall be at the sea. ⁶And *as for* the western border, ye shall even have the Great Sea for a border: this shall be your west border. ⁷And this shall be your north

border: from the Great Sea ye shall point out for you mount Hor: ⁸From mount Hor ye shall point out *your border* unto the entrance of Hamath; and the goings forth of the border shall be to Zedad: ⁹And the border shall go on to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be at Hazar-enan: this shall be your north border. ¹⁰And ye shall point out your east border from Hazar-enan to Shepham: ¹¹And the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain; and the border shall descend, and shall reach unto the side of the sea of Chinnereth eastward: ¹²And the border shall go down to the Jordan, and the goings out of it shall be at the Salt Sea: this shall be your land according to the borders thereof round about.

¹³And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This is the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the Lord commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half-tribe: ¹⁴For the tribe of the children of Reuben according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to the house of their fathers, have received *their inheritance*; and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance: ¹⁵The two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance on this side of the Jordan near Jericho eastward, toward the sunrising.

¹⁶And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹⁷These are the names of the men that shall divide the land unto you: Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun. ¹⁸And ye shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land for inheritance. ¹⁹And the names of the men are these: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. ²⁰And of the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud. ²¹Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon. ²²And the prince of the tribe of the children of Dan, Bukki the son of Jogli. ²³The prince of the children of Joseph, for the tribe of the children of Manasseh, Hanniel the son of Ephod. ²⁴And the prince of the tribe of the children of Ephraim, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan. ²⁵And the prince of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, Elizaphan the son of Parnach. ²⁶And the prince of the tribe of the children of Issachar, Paltiel the son of Azzan. ²⁷And the prince of the tribe of the children of Asher, Ahihud the son of Shelomi. ²⁸And the prince of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, Pedahel the son of Ammihud. ²⁹These are they whom the Lord commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

35 And the Lord spoke unto Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan near Jericho, saying, ²Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Lev-

ites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ye shall give *also* unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them. ³And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts. ⁴And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, *shall reach* from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about. ⁵And ye shall measure from without the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city *shall be* in the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities. ⁶And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites *there shall be* six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty and two cities. ⁷So all the cities which ye shall give the Levites *shall be* forty and eight cities: them *shall ye give* with their suburbs. ⁸And the cities which ye shall give *shall be* of the possession of the children of Israel: from *them that have* many ye shall give many; but from *them that have* few ye shall give few: every one shall give of his cities unto the Levites according to his inheritance which he inheriteth.

⁹And the Lord spoke unto Mo-

ses, saying, ¹⁰Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them,

When ye be come over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, ¹¹Then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, that killeth any person at unawares. ¹²And they shall be unto cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, till he stand before the congregation in judgment. ¹³And of the cities which ye shall give six cities shall ye have for refuge. ¹⁴Ye shall give three cities on this side of the Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Gilead, which shall be cities of refuge. ¹⁵These six cities shall be a refuge, *both* for the child of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither. ¹⁶And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, that he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. ¹⁷And if he smite him with a stone in the hand, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. ¹⁸Or if he smite him with a hand weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. ¹⁹The avenger of blood shall slay the murderer when he meeteth him, he shall slay him. ²⁰But if he thrust him

of hatred, or hurl at him by laying of wait, that he die; ²¹Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die: he that smote him shall surely be put to death; for he is a murderer: the avenger of blood shall slay the murderer, when he meeteth him. ²²But if

thrust him suddenly without enmity, or have cast upon him any thing without laying of wait, Or with any stone, wherewith a man may die, seeing him not, and cast it upon him, that he die, and was not his enemy, neither sought his harm: ²⁴Then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the avenger of blood according to these judgments: ²⁵And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the avenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, who was anointed with the holy oil. ²⁶But if the

slayer shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled; ²⁷And the avenger of blood shall find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the avenger of blood shall kill the slayer; he shall not be guilty of blood: because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession. And these things shall be for a

statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

³⁰Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die. ³¹Moreover ye shall take redemption money for the life of a murderer, that is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death. ³²And ye shall take no redemption money for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest. ³³So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and no atonement can be made to the land for the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it. ³⁴Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the Lord dwell among the children of Israel.

36 And the chief fathers of the families of the children of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spoke before Moses, and before the princes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel: ²And they said, The Lord commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: and my lord was commanded by the Lord to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother unto his daugh-

ters. ^aAnd if they be married to any of the sons of the *other* tribes of the children of Israel, then shall their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance. ^aAnd when the jubilee of the children of Israel shall be, then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

^aAnd Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the word of the Lord, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph hath said well. ^aThis is the thing which the Lord doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best; only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry. ^aSo shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Israel shall keep him-

self to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. ^aAnd every daughter, that possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers. ^aSo shall no inheritance remove from *one* tribe to another tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance.

¹⁰Even as the Lord commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad: ¹¹For Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married unto their father's brothers' sons: ¹²And they were married into the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

¹³These *are* the commandments and the judgments, which the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan *near* Jericho.

דברים

DEUTERONOMY

1 These *are* the words which Moses spoke unto all Israel on this side of the Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red Sea, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Di-zahab. ²(*There are eleven days' journey* from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadesh-barnea.) ³And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first *day* of the month, *that* Moses spoke unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the Lord had given him in commandment unto them; ⁴After he had slain Sihon the king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who dwelt at Ashtaroth in Edrei: ⁵On this side of the Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying,

⁶The Lord our God spoke unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount: ⁷Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all the *places* nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the seaside, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates. ⁸Be-

hold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

⁹And I spoke unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone: ¹⁰The Lord your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye *are* this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. ¹¹(The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye *are*, and bless you, as he hath promised you!) ¹²How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife: ¹³Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you. ¹⁴And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken *is* good for us to do. ¹⁵So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes. ¹⁶And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear *the causes* between your brethren, and judge

righteously between *every* man and his brother, and the stranger *that is with him*. ¹⁷Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; *but* ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of *any* man; for the judgment *is* God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring *it* unto me, and I will hear it. ¹⁸And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

¹⁹And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the Lord our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea. ²⁰And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the Lord our God doth give unto us. ²¹Behold, the Lord thy God hath set the land before thee: go up *and* possess *it*, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be dismayed. ²²And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come. ²³And the saying pleased me well: and I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe: ²⁴And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eshcol, and spied it out. ²⁵And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and

brought *it* down unto us, and brought us word again, and said *It is good land which the Lord our God doth give us*. ²⁶Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord your God. ²⁷And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the Lord hate us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us. ²⁸Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying *The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to heaven; and more over we have seen the sons of the Anakim there*. ²⁹Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them. ³⁰The Lord your God who goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes; ³¹And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the Lord thy God bore thee, as a man doth bear his son in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place. ³²Yet in this thing ye did not believe the Lord your God, ³³Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents *in*, in fire by night, to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.

³⁴And the Lord heard the voice of your words, and was wroth and swore, saying, ³⁵Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good

land, which I swore to give unto your fathers, ³⁸Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the Lord. ³⁹Also the Lord was angry with me for your sake, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither. ⁴⁰But Joshua the son of Nun, who standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. ⁴¹Moreover your little ones, that ye said should be a prey, and your children, who in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it. ⁴²But as for you, turn you, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

⁴³Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against the Lord, we will go up and fight, according to all that the Lord our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye endeavoured to go up into the hill. ⁴⁴And the Lord said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I *am* not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies. ⁴⁵So I spoke unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord, and went presumptuously up into the hill. ⁴⁶And the Amorites, that dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased

you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, *even* unto Hormah. ⁴⁷And ye returned and wept before the Lord; but the Lord would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you. ⁴⁸So ye abode in Kadesh many days, according unto the days that ye abode *there*.

2 Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea, as the Lord spoke unto me: and we compassed mount Seir many days.

¹And the Lord spoke unto me, saying, ²Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward. ³And command thou the people, saying, Ye *are* to pass through the border of your brethren the children of Esau, that dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore: ⁴Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth; because I have given mount Seir unto Esau for a possession. ⁵Ye shall buy meat of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink. ⁶For the Lord thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the Lord thy God *hath been* with thee; thou hast lacked nothing. ⁷And we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau,

that dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain, from Elath, and from Ezion-geber.

And we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab. ⁹And the Lord said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, nor stir up a war with them: for I will not give thee of their land *for* a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot *for* a possession. ¹⁰The Emim dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim; ¹¹They also were accounted Rephaim as the Anakim; but the Moabites called them Emim. ¹²The Horim also dwelt in Seir aforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the Lord gave unto them. ¹³Now rise up, *said I*, and get you over the brook Zered.

And we went over the brook Zered. ¹⁴And the days in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, *were* thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were consumed from among the host, as the Lord swore unto them. ¹⁵For indeed the hand of the Lord was against them, to destroy them from among the host, until they were consumed.

¹⁶So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people,

¹⁷That the Lord spoke unto me saying, ¹⁸Thou art to pass over through Ar, the border of Moab this day: ¹⁹And *when* thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor stir *war* with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon *any* possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot *for* a possession. ²⁰(That also was accounted a land of Rephaim: Rephaim dwelt therein aforetime, and the Ammonites called them Zamzummim; ²¹A people great and many, and tall, as the Anakim; but the Lord destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead. ²²As he did to the children of Esau, that dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horim from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day: ²³And the Avim that dwelt in Hazerim, *even* unto Azzah, the Caphtorim, that came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.) ²⁴Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given in to thine hand Sihon the Amorite king of Heshbon, and his land begin to possess *it*, and contend with him in battle. ²⁵This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations *that are* under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.

²⁶And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying, ²⁷Let me pass through thy land: I will go along by the highway, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left. ²⁸Thou shalt sell me meat for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink; only I will pass through on my feet; ²⁹(As the children of Esau that dwell in Seir, and the Moabites that dwell in Ar, did unto me;) until I shall pass over the Jordan into the land which the Lord our God giveth us. ³⁰But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for the Lord thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as on this day.

³¹And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee; begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land. ³²Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz. ³³And the Lord our God delivered him before us; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people. ³⁴And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones, of every city, we left none to remain: ³⁵Only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we took. ³⁶From Aroer, which is by the brink of the

river of Arnon, and from the city that is by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: the Lord our God delivered all unto us: ³⁷Only unto the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, nor unto any place of the river Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatsoever the Lord our God forbade us.

3 Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. ²And the Lord said unto me, Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon the king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon. ³So the Lord our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining. ⁴And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. ⁵All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; besides unwalled towns a great many. ⁶And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children, of every city. ⁷But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for prey to ourselves.

⁸And we took at that time out

of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that *was* on this side of the Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto mount Hermon; ⁹(Which Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion; and the Amorites call it Shenir;) ¹⁰All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, unto Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. ¹¹For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the Rephaim; behold, his bedstead is a bedstead of iron; it is in Rabbath of the children of Ammon: nine cubits is the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

¹²And this land, *which* we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites. ¹³And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, *being* the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half-tribe of Manasseh: all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of Rephaim. ¹⁴Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country of Argob unto the border of Geshuri and Maachathi; and called them after his own name, Bashan-havoth-jair, unto this day. ¹⁵And I gave Gilead unto Machir. ¹⁶And unto the Reubenites and unto the Gadites I gave from Gilead even unto the river Arnon half the valley, and the border even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon;

¹⁷The plain also, and the Jordan and the border *thereof* from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, the Salt Sea, under the slopes of Pisgah eastward.

¹⁸And I commanded you at that time saying, The Lord your God hath given you this land to possess it; ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all *that are* meet for the war. ¹⁹But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle (*for* I know that ye have much cattle,) shall abide in your cities which I have given you; ²⁰Until the Lord have given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and *until* they also possess the land which the Lord your God hath given them beyond the Jordan: and *then* shall ye return every man unto his possession which I have given you. ²¹And I commanded Joshua at that time saying, Thine eyes have seen that the Lord your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall the Lord do unto all the kingdom whither thou passest. ²²Ye shall not fear them: for the Lord your God he shall fight for you.

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²³And I besought the Lord at that time, saying, ²⁴O Lord God thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God *is there in* heaven or on earth, that can do according to thy words and according to thy might? ²⁵And pray thee, let me go over, and as

the good land that is beyond the Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon. ²⁰But the Lord was wroth with me for your sake, and would not hear me: and the Lord said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter. ²¹Get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan. ²²But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

²³So we abode in the valley over against Beth-peor.

4 Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do *them*, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. ²Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. ³Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the Lord thy God hath destroyed them from among you. ⁴But ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive every one of you this day. ⁵Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as

the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. ⁶Keep therefore and do *them*; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, that shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. ⁷For what nation is *there* so great, that hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all *things that* we call upon him for? ⁸And what nation is *there* so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? ⁹Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but make them known to thy sons, and thy sons' sons; ¹⁰The day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and *that* they may teach their children. ¹¹And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. ¹²And the Lord spoke unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only a voice.

¹³And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, *even* ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. ¹⁴And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it. ¹⁵Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day *that* the Lord spoke unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: ¹⁶Lest ye corrupt *yourselves*, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, ¹⁷The likeness of any beast that *is* on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, ¹⁸The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that *is* in the waters beneath the earth: ¹⁹And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, *even* all the host of heaven, and be led astray to worship them, and serve them, which the Lord thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven. ²⁰But the Lord hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, *even* out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as *ye are* this day. ²¹Furthermore the Lord was angry with me for your sake, and swore that I should not go over the Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which

the Lord thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance: ²²But I must die in this land, I must not go over the Jordan: but ye shall go over, and possess that good land. ²³Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you and make you a graven image *or* the likeness of any *thing* which the Lord thy God hath forbidden thee. ²⁴For the Lord thy God *is* a consuming fire, *even* a jealous God.

²⁵When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt *your selves*, and make a graven image *or* the likeness of any *thing*, and shall do evil in the sight of the Lord thy God, to provoke him to anger: ²⁶I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over the Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong *your* days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. ²⁷And the Lord shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the Lord shall lead you. ²⁸And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. ²⁹But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find *him*, if thou see him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. ³⁰When thou art in tribulation, and all these thing

are come upon thee, *even* in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; ²¹(For the Lord thy God *is* a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.

²²For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and *ask* from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been *any such thing* as this great thing *is*, or hath been heard like it? ²³Did *ever* a people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live? ²⁴Or hath God assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of *another* nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? ²⁵Unto thee it was shewn, that thou mightest know that the Lord he *is* God; *there is none else besides him.* ²⁶Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire. ²⁷And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power

out of Egypt; ²⁸To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou *art*, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as *it is* this day. ²⁹Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he *is* God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: *there is none else.* ³⁰Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong *thy* days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever.

³¹Then Moses severed three cities on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrising; ³²That the slayer might flee thither, that killeth his neighbour unawares, and hated him not in times past; and that fleeing unto one of these cities he might live: ³³*Namely*, Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.

³⁴And this *is* the law which Moses set before the children of Israel: ³⁵These *are* the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which Moses spoke unto the children of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt, ³⁶On this side of the Jordan, in the valley over against Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon,

whom Moses and the children of Israel smote, after they were come forth out of Egypt: ⁴⁷And they possessed his land, and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, who *were* on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrising; ⁴⁸From Aroer, which *is* by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto mount Sion, which *is* Hermon, ⁴⁹And all the plain on this side of the Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of the plain, under the slopes of Pisgah.

5 And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them. ²The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. ³The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *even* us, who *are* all of us here alive this day. ⁴The Lord talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire. ⁵(I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to tell you the word of the Lord: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) saying,

I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

⁷Thou shalt have no other gods before me. ⁸Thou shalt not make thee *any* graven image, or any likeness of *any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the

earth beneath, or that *is* in the waters beneath the earth: ⁹Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me, ¹⁰And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

¹¹Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold *him* guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

¹²Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee. ¹³Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: ¹⁴But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the Lord thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates; that thy man-servant and thy maid-servant may rest as well as thou. ¹⁵And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and *that* the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

¹⁶Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the

land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

¹⁷Thou shalt not kill.

Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

Neither shalt thou steal.

Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.

¹⁸Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

¹⁹These words the Lord spoke unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

²⁰And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain did burn with fire, that ye came near unto me, *even* all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; ²¹And ye said, Behold, the Lord our God hath shewn us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth.

²²Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the Lord our God any more, then we shall die. ²³For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the

voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? ²⁴Go thou near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the Lord our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it.

²⁵And the Lord heard the voice of your words, when ye spoke unto me; and the Lord said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken. ²⁶O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever! ²⁷Go say to them, Get you into your tents again. ²⁸But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do *them* in the land which I give them to possess it. ²⁹Ye shall observe to do therefore as the Lord your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. ³⁰Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and *that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.*

6 Now these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord your

God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to possess it: ²That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it*; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: ⁵And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. ⁶And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: ⁷And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. ⁸And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. ⁹And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

¹⁰And it shall be, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, ¹¹And houses

full of all good *things*, which thou filledst not, and wells digged which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; ¹²Thou beware lest thou forget the Lord who brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. ¹³Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. ¹⁴Thou shalt not go after other gods, the gods of the people that are round about you; ¹⁵For the Lord thy God is a jealous God among you; lest the anger of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

¹⁶Ye shall not tempt the Lord your God, as ye tempted him in Massah. ¹⁷Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimony, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. ¹⁸And thou shalt do *that which is* right and good in the sight of the Lord: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers, ¹⁹To cut out all thine enemies from before thee, as the Lord hath spoken.

²⁰And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What *mean* the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments which the Lord our God hath commanded you? ²¹Then thou shalt say unto thy son. We were

Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand: ²²And the Lord shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes: ²³And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore unto our fathers. ²⁴And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. ²⁵And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us.

7 When the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittite, and the Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; ²And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: ³Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. ⁴For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the Lord be

kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly. ⁵But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves and burn their graven images with fire. ⁶For thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. ⁷The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: ⁸But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, who keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; ¹⁰And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. ¹¹Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

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pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he swore unto thy fathers: ¹³And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the multiplication of thy sheep, in the land which he swore unto thy fathers to give thee. ¹⁴Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among your cattle. ¹⁵And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all *those* that hate thee.

¹⁶And thou shalt consume all the people that the Lord thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods, for that *will be* a snare unto thee. ¹⁷If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations *are* more than I; how can I dispossess them? ¹⁸Thou shalt not be afraid of them: *but* shalt well remember what the Lord thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt; ¹⁹The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the Lord thy God brought thee out: *so shall the Lord thy God do unto*

all the people of whom thou art afraid. ²⁰Moreover the Lord thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left and hide themselves from thee be destroyed. ²¹Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the Lord thy God *is* among you, a mighty God and terrible. ²²And the Lord thy God will put out those nations before thee little by little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee. ²³But the Lord thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed. ²⁴And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them. ²⁵The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it *is* an abomination to the Lord thy God. ²⁶Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: *but* thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it *is* a cursed thing.

8 All the commandments which I command thee this day, shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers. ²And thou shalt remem-

all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. ³And he humbled thee, and ~~suffered~~ thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live. ⁴Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. ⁵Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee. ⁶Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. ⁷For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; ⁸A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of olive oil, and honey; ⁹A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any *thing* in it; a land whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. ¹⁰When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. ¹¹Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not

keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: ¹²Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt *therein*; ¹³And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; ¹⁴Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, who brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ¹⁵Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, *wherein were* fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where *there was* no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; ¹⁶Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; ¹⁷And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of *mine* hand hath gotten me this wealth. ¹⁸But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

¹⁹And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. ²⁰As the nations that the Lord destroyeth before your face, so shall

ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the Lord your God.

9 Hear, O Israel: Thou *art* to pass over the Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven, ²A people great and tall, the children of the Anakim, whom thou knowest, and of *whom* thou hast heard *say*, Who can stand before the children of Anak! ³Understand therefore this day, that the Lord thy God *is* he who goeth over before thee; *as* a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the Lord hath said unto thee. ⁴Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the Lord thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the Lord hath brought me in to possess this land, and for the wickedness of these nations the Lord doth drive them out from before thee. ⁵Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the Lord swore unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ⁶Understand therefore, that the Lord thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou *art*

a stiff-necked people.

⁷Remember, *and* forget not how thou provokedst the Lord thy God to wrath in the wilderness from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt until ye came unto this place ye have been rebellious against the Lord. ⁸Also in Horeb ye provoked the Lord to wrath, so that the Lord was angry with you to have destroyed you. ⁹When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, *even* the tables of the covenant which the Lord made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water: ¹⁰And the Lord delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them *was written* according to all the words, which the Lord spoke with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. ¹¹And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights *that* the Lord gave me two tables of stone, *even* the tables of the covenant. ¹²And the Lord said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people that thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted *themselves*; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image. ¹³Furthermore the Lord spoke unto me saying, I have seen this people and, behold, it *is* a stiff-necked people: ¹⁴Let me alone, that

may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

¹⁵So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands. ¹⁶And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the Lord your God, and had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the Lord had commanded you. ¹⁷And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and broke them before your eyes. ¹⁸And I fell down before the Lord, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger. ¹⁹For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the Lord was wroth against you to destroy you. But the Lord hearkened unto me at that time also. ²⁰And the Lord was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time. ²¹And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount. ²²And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibroth-hattaavah, ye provoked

the Lord to wrath. ²³Likewise when the Lord sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of the Lord your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice. ²⁴Ye have been rebellious against the Lord from the day that I knew you. ²⁵Thus I fell down before the Lord forty days and forty nights, as I fell down at the first; because the Lord had said he would destroy you. ²⁶I prayed therefore unto the Lord, and said, O Lord God, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²⁷Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin: ²⁸Lest the land whence thou broughtest us out say, Because the Lord was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness. ²⁹Yet they are thy people and thine inheritance, that thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched out arm.

10 At that time the Lord said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of

wood. ²And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou hast broken, and thou shalt put them in the ark. ³And I made an ark of shittim-wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand. ⁴And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the Lord spoke unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the Lord gave them unto me. ⁵And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the Lord commanded me. ⁶And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to Mosera: there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead. ⁷From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbatha, a land of rivers of water. ⁸At that time the Lord separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day. ⁹Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the Lord is his inheritance, according as the Lord thy God promised him. ¹⁰And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty

nights; and the Lord hearkened unto me at that time also, and the Lord would not destroy thee. ¹¹And the Lord said unto me, Arise, take *thy* journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give unto them.

¹²And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, ¹³To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? ¹⁴Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth *also*, with all that therein is. ¹⁵Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, *even* you above all people, as at this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked. ¹⁷For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, who regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward: ¹⁸He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. ¹⁹Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. ²⁰Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name

¹¹He *is* thy praise, and he *is* thy God, that hath done for thee these *great* and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen. ²²Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the Lord thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 Therefore thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always. ²And know ye this day: for *I speak* not with your children that have not known, and that have not seen the chastisement of the Lord your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched out arm, ³And his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land; ⁴And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and *how* the Lord hath destroyed them unto this day; ⁵And what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place; ⁶And what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that followed them, in the midst of all Israel: ⁷But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which he

did. ⁸Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you in this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land whither ye go to possess it; ⁹And that ye may prolong *your* days in the land, which the Lord swore unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey. ¹⁰For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, *is* not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs: ¹¹But the land, whither ye go to possess it, *is* a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinketh water of the rain of heaven: ¹²A land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God *are* always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

¹³And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹⁴That I will give *you* the rain of your land in its due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. ¹⁵And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full. ¹⁶Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other

gods, and worship them; ¹⁷And then the Lord's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth you.

¹⁸Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. ²⁰And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: ²¹That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

²²For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; ²³Then will the Lord drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves. ²⁴Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your border be.

²⁵Therefore shall no man be able

to stand before you: for the Lord your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.

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²⁶Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; ²⁷A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: ²⁸And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known. ²⁹And it shall come to pass, when the Lord thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal. ³⁰Behold, they are on the other side of the Jordan, by the way where the sun goeth down, in the land of the Canaanites, that dwell in the plain over against Gilgal, beside the plains of Moreh. ³¹For ye shall pass over the Jordan to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein. ³²And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.

12 These are the statutes and judgments, which ye shall observe to do in the land, which the Lord God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the

days that ye live upon the earth. ²Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations that ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree: ³And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place. ⁴Ye shall not do so unto the Lord your God. ⁵But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, *even* unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come: ⁶And thither ye shall bring your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave-offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your free-will offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks: ⁷And there ye shall eat before the Lord your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the Lord thy God hath blessed thee. ⁸Ye shall not do after all the *things* that we do here this day, every man whatsoever *is* right in his own eyes. ⁹For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the Lord your God giveth you. ¹⁰But *when* ye go over the Jordan, and dwell in the land which the Lord your God giveth you to inherit, and *when* he giveth you rest from all your enemies round

about, so that ye dwell in safety; ¹¹Then it shall come to pass that the place which the Lord your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there, thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave-offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the Lord: ¹²And ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and the Levite that *is* within your gates; forasmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you. ¹³Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt-offerings in every place that thou seest: ¹⁴But in the place which the Lord shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

¹⁵Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, after all the lust of thy soul, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roebuck, and as of the hart. ¹⁶Only ye shall not eat the blood; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water.

¹⁷Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of thy herd or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy free-

will-offerings, or heave-offering of thine hand: ¹⁸But thou must eat them before the Lord thy God in the place which the Lord thy God shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that is within thy gates: and thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God in all that thou puttest thine hands unto. ¹⁹Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest upon thy land.

²⁰When the Lord thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul longeth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, after all the lust of thy soul. ²¹If the place which the Lord thy God hath chosen to put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the Lord hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates after all the lust of thy soul. ²²Even as the roebuck and the hart are eaten, so thou shalt eat them: the unclean and the clean shall eat of them alike. ²³Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh. ²⁴Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water. ²⁵Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do *that which is right* in the sight of the Lord.

²⁶Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the Lord shall choose: ²⁷And thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, the flesh and the blood upon the altar of the Lord thy God: and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the Lord thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh. ²⁸Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest *that which is good and right* in the sight of the Lord thy God.

²⁹When the Lord thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land ³⁰Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. ³¹Thou shalt not do so unto the Lord thy God: for every abomination to the Lord, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

13 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

²If there arise among you .

prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, ⁸And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; ⁹Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹⁰Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. ¹¹And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

¹²If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, that is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; ¹³Namely, of the gods of the peoples that are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; ¹⁴Thou

shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: ¹⁵But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. ¹⁶And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. ¹⁷And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is in thy midst.

¹⁸If thou shalt hear say in one of thy cities, which the Lord thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying, ¹⁹Certain men, wicked fellows, are gone out from thy midst, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known; ²⁰Then shalt thou inquire, and make search, and ask diligently: and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in thy midst; ²¹Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword. ²²And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof entirely, for the Lord thy God:

and it shall be a heap for ever; it shall not be built again. ¹⁸And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand: that the Lord may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers; ¹⁹When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do *that which is right* in the eyes of the Lord thy God.

14 Ye *are* the children of the Lord your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. ²For thou *art* a holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.

³Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing. ⁴These *are* the beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat, ⁵The hart, and the roebuck, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the antelope, and the wild ox, and the chamois. ⁶And every beast that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, *and* cheweth the cud among the beasts, that ye shall eat. ⁷Nevertheless these ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof; as the camel, and the hare, and the cony: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; *there-*

fore they *are* unclean unto you. ⁸And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it *is* unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcass.

⁹These ye shall eat of all that *are* in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat: ¹⁰And whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye may not eat; it *is* unclean unto you.

¹¹Of all clean birds ye shall eat. ¹²But these *are they* of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray. ¹³And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture after its kind. ¹⁴And every raven after its kind. ¹⁵And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after its kind, ¹⁶The little owl, and the great owl, and the swan, ¹⁷And the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormorant. ¹⁸And the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the lapwing and the bat. ¹⁹And every creeping thing that fieth *is* unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten. ²⁰But of all clean fowls ye may eat.

²¹Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that *is* in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou *art* a holy people unto the Lord thy God.

Thou shalt not see the a kid in its mother's milk.

²²Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the

field bringeth forth year by year. ¹¹And thou shalt eat before the Lord thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God always. ¹²And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from thee, which the Lord thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the Lord thy God hath blessed thee: ¹³Then shalt thou turn it into money and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose: ¹⁴And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul asketh of thee: and thou shalt eat there before the Lord thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household, ¹⁵And the Levite that is within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

¹⁶At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: ¹⁷And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied;

that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

15 At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. ²And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbour shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbour, or of his brother; because a release hath been proclaimed unto the Lord. ³Of a foreigner thou mayest exact it again: but that which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release; ⁴But there shall be no poor among you; for the Lord shall greatly bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it: ⁵Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day. ⁶For the Lord thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.

⁷If there be with thee a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother: ⁸But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth. ⁹Beware that

there be not a wicked thought in thine heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the Lord against thee, and it be sin unto thee. ¹⁰Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto. ¹¹For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

¹²And if thy brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, he shall serve thee six years; and in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee. ¹³And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty: ¹⁴Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy wine-press: *of that wherewith the Lord thy God hath blessed thee* thou shalt give unto him. ¹⁵And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the Lord thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing to-day. ¹⁶And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thine house, be-

cause he is well with thee; ¹⁷Then thou shalt take an awl, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. And also unto thy maid-servant thou shalt do likewise. ¹⁸It shall not seem hard unto thee, when thou sendest him away free from thee; for to the double of the hire of a hireling hath he served thee six years: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest.

¹⁹All the firstling males that come of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto the Lord thy God: thou shalt do no work with the firstling of thine ox, nor shear the firstling of thy sheep. ²⁰Thou shalt eat it before the Lord thy God year by year in the place which the Lord shall choose, thou and thy household. ²¹And if there be *any* blemish therein, *as if it be* lame, or blind, *or have* any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the Lord thy God. ²²Thou shalt eat it within thy gates: the unclean and the clean *person shall eat it* alike, as the roebuck, and as the hart. ²³Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour it upon the ground as water.

16 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the Lord thy God: for in the month of Abib the Lord thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night. ²Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the Lord thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the

Lord shall choose to place his name there. ⁸Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, *even* the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life. ⁹And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy border seven days; neither shall there *any thing* of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning. ¹⁰Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover-offering within any of thy gates, which the Lord thy God giveth thee: ¹¹But at the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover-offering at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt. ¹²And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which the Lord thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents. ¹³Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day *shall be* a solemn assembly to the Lord thy God: thou shalt do no work therein.

¹⁴Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from *such time* as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn. ¹⁵And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the

Lord thy God with a tribute of a freewill-offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give *unto the Lord thy God*, according as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee: ¹⁶And thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are in thy midst, in the place which the Lord thy God hath chosen to place his name there. ¹⁷And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

¹⁸Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in from thy threshing-floor and from thy wine-press. ¹⁹And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates. ²⁰Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the Lord thy God in the place which the Lord shall choose: because the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.

²¹Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast

of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the Lord empty: ¹⁷Every man *shall give* as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.

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¹⁸Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates which the Lord thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgment. ¹⁹Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous. ²⁰That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

²¹Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the Lord thy God, which thou shalt make thee. ²²Neither shalt thou set thee up *any* pillar; which the Lord thy God hateth.

17 Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the Lord thy God *any* ox, or sheep, wherein is a blemish, or any evil thing: for that is an abomination unto the Lord thy God.

²If there be found in thy midst, within any of thy gates which the Lord thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the Lord thy God, in transgressing

his covenant, ³And hath ~~gone~~ and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; ⁴And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and inquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel: ⁵Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, who have committed this wicked thing, unto thy gates, *even* that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die. ⁶At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; *but* at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. ⁷The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. **So** thou shalt put the evil away *from* thy midst.

⁸If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, *being* matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the Lord thy God shall choose; ⁹And thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and inquire; and they shall tell thee the sentence of judgment: ¹⁰And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which

the Lord shall choose shall tell thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee: ¹¹According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall tell thee, to the right hand, nor to the left. ¹²And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the Lord thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel. ¹³And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

¹⁴When thou art come unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are about me; ¹⁵Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the Lord thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, who is not thy brother. ¹⁶But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the Lord hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. ¹⁷Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not

away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. ¹⁸And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: ¹⁹And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: ²⁰That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

18 The priests the Levites, and all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and his inheritance. ²Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: the Lord is their inheritance, as he hath said unto them.

³And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep; and they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw. ⁴The first-fruit also of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him. ⁵For the Lord thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to

minister in the name of the Lord, he and his sons for ever.

⁹And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire of his mind unto the place which the Lord shall choose; ⁷Then he shall minister in the name of the Lord his God, as all his brethren the Levites *do*, who stand there before the Lord. ⁸They shall have like portions to eat, besides that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.

⁹When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. ¹⁰There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, *or* an enchanter, *or* a sorcerer, ¹¹Or a charmer, *or* a consulter with familiar spirits, *or* a wizard, *or* a necromancer. ¹²For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. ¹³Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God. ¹⁴For these nations, which thou shalt dispossess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so *to do*. ¹⁵The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me;

unto him ye shall hearken; ¹⁶According to all that thou desiredst of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. ¹⁷And the Lord said unto me, They have well *spoken that which they have spoken*. ¹⁸I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. ¹⁹And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him. ²⁰But the prophet, that shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, *or* that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. ²¹And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? ²²When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, *that is* the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

19 When the Lord thy God hath cut off the nations, whose land the Lord thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses; ²Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the

midst of thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it. ¹¹Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the border of thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither. ¹²And this is the case of the slayer, that shall flee thither, that he may live: Whoso killeth his neighbour ignorantly, whom he hated not in time past; ¹³As when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of those cities, and live: ¹⁴Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past. ¹⁵Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee. ¹⁶And if the Lord thy God enlarge thy border, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers; ¹⁷If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the Lord thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, besides these three: ¹⁸That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the Lord thy God

giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee.

¹¹But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities: ¹²Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. ¹³Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

¹⁴Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it.

¹⁵One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established. ¹⁶If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him *that which is* wrong; ¹⁷Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges, that shall be in those days; ¹⁸And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, *if* the witness be a false witness, and has testified falsely against his brother; ¹⁹Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt

thou put the evil away from thy midst. ²⁰And those that remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil in thy midst. ²¹And thine eye shall not pity; *but* life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

20 When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, who brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. ²And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people, ³And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them; ⁴For the Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. ⁵And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man *is there* that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it. ⁶And what man *is he* that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not *yet* made use of it? let him *also* go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man make use of it. ⁷And what man *is there* that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not

taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her. ⁸And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man *is there that* is fearful and faint-hearted: let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart. ⁹And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall make captains of armies at the head of the people.

¹⁰When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it. ¹¹And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, *that* all the people *that are* found therein shall be tributary unto thee, and shall serve thee. ¹²And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it: ¹³And when the Lord thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword: ¹⁴But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, *even* all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the Lord thy God hath given thee. ¹⁵Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities *which are* very far off from thee, *which are* not of the cities of these nations. ¹⁶But of the cities of these people, which the Lord thy God doth

give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth: ¹⁷But thou shalt utterly destroy them: *namely*, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, and the Perizzite, the Ilvite, and the Jebusite; as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee: ¹⁸That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the Lord your God.

¹⁹When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an axe against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (for the tree of the field is man's life) to employ them in the siege: ²⁰Only the trees which thou knowest that they are not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, until it be subdued.

21 If one be found slain in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, and it be not known who hath slain him: ²Then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which are round about him that is slain: ³And it shall be, that the city which is next unto the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take a heifer, which hath not been wrought with, and which hath

not drawn in the yoke; ⁴And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, which is neither tilled nor sown, and shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley: ⁵And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them the Lord thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of the Lord; and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be tried: ⁶And all the elders of that city, *that are* next unto the slain man, shall wash their hands over the heifer with the broken neck in the valley: ⁷And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it. ⁸Forgive, O Lord, unto thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, and lay not innocent blood unto thy people of Israel's charge. And the blood shall be forgiven them. ⁹So shalt thou put away the *guilt of* innocent blood from among you, when thou shalt do *that which is* right in the sight of the Lord.

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¹⁰When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and the Lord thy God hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou hast taken them captive, ¹¹And seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her, that thou wouldest have her to thy wife; ¹²Then thou shalt bring her home to thine house; and she shall shave her head, and

pare her nails; ¹³And she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thine house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife. ¹⁴And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not make a slave of her, because thou hast humbled her.

¹⁵If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have borne him children, *both* the beloved and the hated; and *if* the first-born son be hers that was hated: ¹⁶Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit *that* which he hath, *that* he may not make the son of the beloved first-born before the son of the hated *who is indeed* the first-born; ¹⁷But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated *for* the first-born, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he *is* the beginning of his strength; the right of the first-born *is* his.

¹⁸If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, that will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and *that*, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them; ¹⁹Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his

place; ²⁰And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son *is* stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he* is a glutton, and a drunkard. ²¹And all the men of his city, shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

²²And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: ²³His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged *is* accursed of God:) that thou defile not thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

22 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them; thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother. ²And if thy brother *be* not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again. ³In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with every lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself.

⁴Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from

them: thou shalt surely help him to lift *them* up again.

⁹The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so *are* an abomination unto the Lord thy God.

¹⁰If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, *whether they be* young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young: ¹¹But thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and *that* thou mayest prolong *thy* days.

¹²When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house if any man fall from thence.

¹³Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled.

¹⁴Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.

¹⁵Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, *as* of woolen and linen together.

¹⁶Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four corners of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest *thyself*.

¹⁷If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her,

¹⁸And give occasions of speech

against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid:

¹⁹Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth *the tokens* of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate: ²⁰And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her; ²¹And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech *against her*, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these *are the tokens* of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. ²²And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him; ²³And they shall amerce him in a hundred *shekels* of silver, and give *them* unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.

²⁴But if this thing be true, *and the tokens* of virginity be not found for the damsel: ²⁵Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the harlot in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from thy midst.

²⁶If a man be found lying with a woman married to a husband,

then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

²³If a damsel *that is* a virgin be betrothed unto a husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her; ²⁴Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, *being* in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from thy midst.

²⁵But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die: ²⁶But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing: *there is* in the damsel no sin *worthy* of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth him, even so *is* this matter; ²⁷For he found her in the field, and the betrothed damsel cried, and *there was* none to save her.

²⁸If a man find a damsel *that is* a virgin, that is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found; ²⁹Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

23 A man shall not take his father's wife, nor uncover his father's skirt.

³He that is wounded in the tes-

ticles, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord.

³A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the Lord.

⁴An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the Lord for ever: ⁵Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee. ⁶Nevertheless the Lord thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the Lord thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the Lord thy God loved thee. ⁷Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever.

⁸Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he *is* thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian; because thou wast a stranger in his land. ⁹The children that are begotten of them shall enter into the congregation of the Lord in their third generation.

¹⁰When thou goest forth in camp against thine enemies, then keep thee from every wicked thing. ¹¹If there be among you any man, that is not clean by reason of uncleanness that chanceth him by night, then shall

he go abroad out of the camp, he shall not come within the camp: ¹²But it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall wash *himself* with water: and when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp *again*.

¹³Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad: ¹⁴And thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee: ¹⁵For the Lord thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

¹⁶Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the servant that is escaped from his master unto thee: ¹⁷He shall dwell with thee, *even* in thy midst, in that place which he shall choose in one of thy gates, where it liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress him.

¹⁸There shall be no harlot of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.

¹⁹Thou shalt not bring the hire of a harlot, or the price of a dog, into the house of the Lord thy God for any vow: for even both these *are* abomination unto the Lord thy God.

²⁰Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury

of any thing that is lent upon usury: ²¹Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

²²When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.

²³But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.

²⁴That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; *even* a freewill-offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the Lord thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

²⁵When thou comest into thy neighbour's vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put *any* in thy vessel.

²⁶When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbour, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour's standing corn.

24 When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. ²And when she is departed out of his house, she may

go and be another man's wife. ³And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, who took her to be his wife; ⁴Her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the Lord: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

⁵When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: but he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife whom he hath taken.

⁶No man shall take the nether or the upper millstone to pledge: for he taketh a man's life to pledge.

⁷If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and maketh a slave of him, or selleth him; then that thief shall die: and thou shalt put evil away from among you.

⁸Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so ye shall observe to do. ⁹Remember what the Lord thy God did unto Miriam by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Egypt.

¹⁰When thou dost lend thy

brother any thing, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge. ¹¹Thou shalt stand abroad, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring out the pledge abroad unto thee. ¹²And if the man be poor, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge: ¹³In any case thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the Lord thy God.

¹⁴Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates: ¹⁵At his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the Lord, and it be sin unto thee.

¹⁶The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

¹⁷Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, nor of the fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge: ¹⁸But thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the Lord thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

¹⁹When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgotten a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch

it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands. ²⁰When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. ²¹When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. ²²And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt: therefore I command to do this thing.

25 If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that *the judges* may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked. ²And it shall be, if the wicked man *be* worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number. ³Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed: lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.

⁴Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out *the corn*.

⁵If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to

him to wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother unto her. ⁶And it shall be, *that* the first-born that she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother *who is* dead, that his name be not put out of Israel. ⁷And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother. ⁸Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and if he stand to it, and say, I like not to take her; ⁹Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house. ¹⁰And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that had his shoe loosed.

¹¹When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the privy parts: ¹²Then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall not pity her.

¹³Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small. ¹⁴Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small. ¹⁵*But* thou

shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. ¹⁶For all that do such things, *and* all that do unrighteously, *are* an abomination unto the Lord thy God.

¹⁷Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt: ¹⁸How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, *even* all that *were* feeble behind thee, when thou *wast* faint and weary; and he feared not God. ¹⁹Therefore it shall be, when the Lord thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to possess it *that* thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.

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26 And it shall be, when thou *art* come in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein; ²That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shalt put *it* in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to place his name there. ³And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto

him, I profess this day unto the Lord thy God, that I am come unto the country which the Lord swore unto our fathers *for* to give us. ⁴And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the Lord thy God. ⁵And thou shalt speak and say before the Lord thy God, A Syrian ready to perish *was* my father, and he went down into Egypt, and so-journed there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous: ⁶And the Egyptians treated us ill, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage: ⁷And when we cried unto the Lord God of our fathers, the Lord heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression: ⁸And the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders: ⁹And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, *even* a land that floweth with milk and honey. ¹⁰And now, behold, I have brought the first-fruits of the land, which thou, O Lord, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the Lord thy God, and worship before the Lord thy God: ¹¹And thou shalt rejoice in every good *thing* which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that *is* in thy midst.

¹²When thou hast made an end

of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, *which is the year of tithing*, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled; ¹³Then thou shalt say before the Lord thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of mine house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them: ¹⁴I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away *ought* thereof for *any* unclean use, nor given *ought* thereof for the dead: *but* I have hearkened to the voice of the Lord my God, *and* have done according to all that thou hast commanded me. ¹⁵Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou hast sworn unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

¹⁶This day the Lord thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. ¹⁷Thou hast avouched the Lord this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes and his commandments, and his judgments,

and to hearken unto his voice: ¹⁸And the Lord hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that *thou* shouldest keep all his commandments; ¹⁹And to make thee high above all nations that he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be a holy people unto the Lord thy God, as he hath spoken.

27 And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day. ²And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over the Jordan unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaster them with plaster: ³And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey; as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee. ⁴Therefore it shall be when ye be gone over the Jordan, *that* ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in mount Ebal, and thou shalt plaster them with plaster. ⁵And there shalt thou build an altar unto the Lord thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up *any* iron tool upon them. ⁶Thou shalt build the altar of the Lord thy God of whole stones: and thou shalt offer burnt-offerings thereon unto the

Lord thy God: ⁷And thou shalt offer peace-offerings, and shalt eat there, and rejoice before the Lord thy God. ⁸And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.

⁹And Moses and the priests the Levites spoke unto all Israel, saying, Take heed, and hearken, O Israel; this day thou art become the people of the Lord thy God. ¹⁰Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the Lord thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day.

¹¹And Moses charged the people the same day, saying, ¹²These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are come over the Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin: ¹³And these shall stand upon mount Ebal to curse; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. ¹⁴And the Levites shall speak, and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice:

¹⁵Cursed *be* the man that maketh *any* graven or molten image, an abomination unto the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place.

And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

¹⁶Cursed *be* he that esteemeth lightly his father or his mother, And all the people shall say, Amen.

¹⁷Cursed *be* he that removeth his neighbour's landmark.

And all the people shall say, Amen.

¹⁸Cursed *be* he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way.

And all the people shall say, Amen.

¹⁹Cursed *be* he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow.

And all the people shall say, Amen.

²⁰Cursed *be* he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt.

And all the people shall say, Amen.

²¹Cursed *be* he that lieth with any manner of beast.

And all the people shall say, Amen.

²²Cursed *be* he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother.

And all the people shall say, Amen.

²³Cursed *be* he that lieth with his mother-in-law.

And all the people shall say, Amen.

²⁴Cursed *be* he that smiteth his neighbour secretly.

And all the people shall say, Amen.

²⁵Cursed *be* he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person.

And all the people shall say, Amen.

²⁶Cursed *be* he that confirmeth not *all* the words of this law to do them.

And all the people shall say, Amen.

28 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently ^{unto} the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: ²And all ~~these~~ blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

**Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.*

**Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the multiplication of thy sheep.*

**Blessed shall be thy basket and thy kneading-trough.*

**Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.*

**The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.*

**The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy store-houses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. *The Lord shall establish thee a holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the*

Lord thy God, and walk in his ways. ¹⁰And all the people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee.

¹¹And the Lord shall give thee abundance for *thy* good, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers to give thee. ¹²The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in its season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. ¹³And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if thou wilt hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do *them*: ¹⁴And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

¹⁵But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

¹⁶Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

¹⁷Cursed shall be thy basket

and thy kneading-trough.

¹⁸Cursed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the multiplication of thy sheep.

¹⁹Cursed *shalt thou be* when thou comest in, and cursed *shalt thou be* when thou goest out.

²⁰The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me. ²¹The Lord shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it. ²²The Lord shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. ²³And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee *shall be* iron. ²⁴The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

²⁵The Lord shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be a terror unto all the kingdoms of the earth.

²⁶And thy carcass shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and un-

to the beasts of the earth, and no man shall scare *them* away.

²⁷The Lord will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed. ²⁸The Lord shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart: ²⁹And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save *thee*. ³⁰Thou shalt be troth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build a house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not use the fruit thereof. ³¹Thine ox *shall be* slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass *shall be* violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep *shall be* given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue *them*. ³²Thy sons and thy daughters *shall be* given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail *with longing* for them all the day long: and *there shall be* no might in thine hand. ³³The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed always: ³⁴So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. ³⁵The Lord shall smite thee in

the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head. ³⁶The Lord shall bring thee, and thy king whom thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone. ³⁷And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee.

³⁸Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it. ³⁹Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them. ⁴⁰Thou shalt have olive-trees throughout all thy borders, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast its fruit. ⁴¹Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be with thee; for they shall go into captivity. ⁴²All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.

⁴³The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. ⁴⁴He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.

⁴⁵Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hear-

kenedst not unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments, and his statutes which he commanded thee: ⁴⁶And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever. ⁴⁷Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; ⁴⁸Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies whom the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

⁴⁹The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; ⁵⁰A nation of fierce countenance, that shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young: ⁵¹And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: that also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or the multiplication of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee. ⁵²And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Lord thy God hath given thee. ⁵³And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body,

the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, whom the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee: ⁶⁴So that the man *that is* tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children whom he shall leave: ⁶⁵So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates. ⁶⁶The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, ⁶⁷And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children whom she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all *things* secretly in the siege and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

⁶⁸If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, the Lord thy God; ⁶⁹Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, *even* great plagues, and of long continuance,

and sore sickness, and of long continuance. ⁷⁰Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. ⁷¹Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. ⁷²And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the Lord thy God. ⁷³And it shall come to pass, *that* as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. ⁷⁴And the Lord shall scatter thee among all peoples, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, *even* wood and stone. ⁷⁵And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: ⁷⁶And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear night and day, and shalt have no assurance of thy life: ⁷⁷In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning!

for the fear of thine heart where-with thou shalt fear and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. ⁹And the Lord shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.

¹⁰These are the words of the covenant, which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

29 And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them,

Ye have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land: ²The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles: ³Yet the Lord hath not given you a heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day. ⁴And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot. ⁵Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink: that ye might know that I am the Lord your God. ⁶And when ye came unto this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us unto battle, and we smote them: ⁷And we took their land, and gave it

for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh. ⁸Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

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⁹Ye stand this day all of you before the Lord your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel. ¹⁰Your little ones, your wives, and thy stranger that is in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water: ¹¹That thou shouldest enter into covenant with the Lord thy God, and into his oath, which the Lord thy God maketh with thee this day: ¹²That he may establish thee to-day for a people unto himself, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. ¹³Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath; ¹⁴But with him that standeth here with us this day before the Lord our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day: ¹⁵(For ye know we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which ye passed by; ¹⁶And ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them:) ¹⁷Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away

this day from the Lord our God, to go *and* serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood; ¹⁸And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst: ¹⁹The Lord will not pardon him, but then the anger of the Lord and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curse that is written in this book shall lie upon him, and the Lord shall blot out his name from under heaven. ²⁰And the Lord shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law: ²¹So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sickness which the Lord hath laid upon it; ²²And that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, *and* burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the Lord overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath: ²³Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this land? what *meaneth* the heat of this great anger? ²⁴Then men

shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt: ²⁵For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and *whom* he had not given unto them: ²⁶And the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curse that is written in this book: ²⁷And the Lord rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.

²⁸The secret *things* belong unto the Lord our God: but those *things* which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.

30 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee. ²And shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; ³That then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee. ⁴If any

of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee: ⁶And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. ⁸And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. ⁷And the Lord thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, that persecuted thee. ⁸And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the Lord, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day. ⁹And the Lord thy God will give thee abundance in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers: ¹⁰If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. ¹¹For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. ¹²It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring

it unto us, and cause us to hear it, that we may do it? ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, and cause us to hear it, that we may do it? ¹⁴But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

¹⁵See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; ¹⁶In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. ¹⁷But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; ¹⁸I announce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over the Jordan to go to possess it. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: ²⁰That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord swore

unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

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31 And Moses went and spoke these words unto all Israel.

²And he said unto them, I *am* a hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in: also the Lord hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan. ³The Lord thy God, he will go over before thee, *and* he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt possess them: *and* Joshua, he shall go over before thee, as the Lord hath said. ⁴And the Lord shall do unto them as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and unto their land, whom he destroyed. ⁵And the Lord shall give them up before your face, that ye may do unto them according unto all the commandments which I have commanded you. ⁶Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

⁷And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the Lord hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. ⁸And the Lord, he *it is* that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee,

neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

⁹And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, that bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and unto all the elders of Israel. ¹⁰And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of *every* seven years, in the appointed time of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, ¹¹When all Israel is come to appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing.

¹²Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law: ¹³And *that* their children, who have not known *any thing*, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over the Jordan to possess it.

¹⁴And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹⁵And the Lord appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of cloud: and the pillar of cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle. ¹⁶And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold,

thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go astray after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. ¹⁷Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us? ¹⁸And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods. ¹⁹Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel. ²⁰For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swore unto their fathers, that it floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant. ²¹And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before

I have brought them into the land which I swore.

²²And Moses wrote down this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel. ²³And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swore unto them: and I will be with thee.

²⁴And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, ²⁵That Moses commanded the Levites, that bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying, ²⁶Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. ²⁷For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the Lord; and how much more after my death?

²⁸Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to witness against them. ²⁹For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

³⁰And Moses spoke in the ears

of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.

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32 Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. ²My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: ³Because I will call the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

⁴*He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are justice: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.* ⁵*They have corrupted themselves; they are not his children because of their blemish; they are a perverse and crooked generation.* ⁶*Do ye thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?*

⁷*Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will tell thee; thy elders, and they will say unto thee.* ⁸*When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel.* ⁹*For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.* ¹⁰*He found him in a desert land, and*

in the waste of a howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. ¹¹*As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:* ¹²*So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.* ¹³*He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;* ¹⁴*Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and of the blood of the grape thou drankest wine.*

¹⁵*And Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.* ¹⁶*They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.* ¹⁷*They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.* ¹⁸*Of the Rock that begot thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.*

¹⁹*And the Lord saw it, and abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters.* ²⁰*And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will*

see what their end *shall be*: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith. ²¹They have moved me to jealousy with *that which is* not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with *those that* are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a vile nation. ²²For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. ²³I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them. ²⁴*They shall be* burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents crawling in the dust. ²⁵The sword shall destroy without, and terror within: both the young man and the virgin, the suckling *also* with the man of gray hairs.

²⁶I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men: ²⁷Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the Lord hath not done all this.

²⁸For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them. ²⁹O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would con-

sider their latter end! ³⁰*How* should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had delivered them up? ³¹For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges. ³²For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter: ³³Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.

³⁴*Is* not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures? ³⁵To me *belongeth* vengeance, and recompense, at the time when their foot shall slip: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste. ³⁶For the Lord shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that *their* power is gone, and *there is* none shut up, or left. ³⁷And he shall say, Where are their gods, *their* rock in whom they trusted, ³⁸Who did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink-offerings? let them rise up and help you, and be your protection.

³⁹See now that I, *even I, am* he, and *there is* no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there one that can deliver out of my hand. ⁴⁰For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. ⁴¹If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judg-

ment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. ⁴²I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; *and that* with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the bared head of the enemy. ⁴³Rejoice, O ye nations, *with* his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, *and* to his people.

⁴⁴And Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun. ⁴⁵And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel: ⁴⁶And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law. ⁴⁷For it *is* not a vain thing for you; because it *is* your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong *your* days in the land, whither ye go over the Jordan to possess it.

⁴⁸And the Lord spoke unto Moses that selfsame day, saying, ⁴⁹Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, *unto* mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, that *is* over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for possession: ⁵⁰And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount

Hor, and was gathered unto his people: ⁵¹Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel. ⁵²For thou shalt see the land before *thee*; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.

וואת הברכה

33 And this *is* the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. ²And he said, The Lord came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand *went* a fiery law for them. ³Yea, he loved the people; all his saints *are* in thy hand; and they were prostrate at thy feet; *every one* shall receive of thy words. ⁴Moses commanded us a law, *even* the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob. ⁵And he was king in Jeshurun when the heads of the people *and* the tribes of Israel were gathered together.

⁶Let Reuben live, and not die; and let *not* his men be few.

⁷And this *is* the blessing of Judah: and he said, Hear, Lord, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and be thou a help *to him* from his enemies.

⁸And of Levi he said, *Let* thy

Thummim and thy Urim *be* with thy holy one, whom thou didst prove at Massah, *and with whom* thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah; ⁹Who said unto his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: for they have observed thy word, and kept thy covenant. ¹⁰They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt-sacrifice upon thine altar. ¹¹Bless, Lord, his substance, and accept the work of his hands: smite through the loins of those that rise against him, and of those that hate him, that they rise not again.

¹²And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; *and the Lord* shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

¹³And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the Lord *be* his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath, ¹⁴And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon, ¹⁵And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills, ¹⁶And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let *the blessing* come upon the head of Jo-

seph, and upon the top of the head of him that *was* the prince of his brethren. ¹⁷His glory *is like* the firstling of his bullock, and his horns *are like* the horns of a wild ox: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they *are* the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they *are* the thousands of Manasseh.

¹⁸And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out; and, Issachar, in thy tents. ¹⁹They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hidden in the sand.

²⁰And of Gad he said, Blessed *be* he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head. ²¹And he provided the first part for himself, because there the portion of the lawgiver was hidden; and he came with the heads of the people, he executed the justice of the Lord, and his judgments with Israel.

²²And of Dan he said, Dan *is* a lion's whelp: he leapeth from Bashan.

²³And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the Lord: possess thou the west and the south.

²⁴And of Asher he said, Let Asher *be* blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in

oil. ²⁵Thy bolts *shall be* iron and brass; and as thy days, *so shall* thy strength *be*.

²⁶*There is none like unto the* God of Jeshurun, *who* rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the skies. ²⁷The eternal God *is thy* refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy *them*. ²⁸Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob *shall be* upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew. ²⁹Happy *art* thou, O Israel: *who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be servile unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.*

34 And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the Lord shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan. ²And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea, ³And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar. ⁴And the Lord said unto him, This is the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and

unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

⁵So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. ⁶And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. ⁷And Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated. ⁸And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the Lord commanded Moses.

¹⁰And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, ¹¹In all the signs and the wonders, which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, ¹²And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

נביאים
PROPHETS

יְהוֹשֻׁעַ

JOSHUA

1 Now after the death of Mo-
ses the servant of the Lord
 it came to pass, that the Lord
 spake unto Joshua the son of
 Nun, Moses' minister, saying,
 'Moses my servant is dead; now
 therefore arise, go over this Jor-
 dan, thou, and all this people, un-
 to the land which I do give to
 them, *even* to the children of Is-
 rael. 'Every place that the sole
 of your foot shall tread upon,
 that have I given unto you, as
 I said unto Moses. 'From the
 wilderness and this Lebanon even
 unto the great river, the river
 Euphrates, all the land of the
 Hittites, and unto the great sea
 toward the going down of the
 sun, shall be your border. 'There
 shall not any man be able to stand
 before thee all the days of thy
 life: as I was with Moses, *so* I
 will be with thee: I will not fail
 thee, nor forsake thee. 'Be strong
 and of good courage: for unto
 his people shalt thou divide for
 an inheritance the land, which
 I swore unto their fathers to give
 them. 'Only be thou strong and
 very courageous, that thou mayest
 observe to do according to all
 the law, which Moses my servant
 commanded thee: turn not from
 it to the right hand or to the left,
 that thou mayest prosper whither-

soever thou goest. 'This book of
 the law shall not depart out of
 thy mouth; but thou shalt med-
 itate therein day and night, that
 thou mayest observe to do accord-
 ing to all that is written there-
 in: for then thou shalt make thy
 way prosperous, and then thou
 shalt have good success. 'Have
 not I commanded thee? Be strong
 and of good courage; be not
 afraid, neither be thou dismayed:
 for the Lord thy God is with thee
 whithersoever thou goest.

¹⁰Then Joshua commanded the
 officers of the people, saying,
¹¹'Pass through the host, and com-
 mand the people, saying, Pre-
 pare you victuals; for within
 three days ye shall pass over this
 Jordan, to go in to possess the
 land, which the Lord your God
 giveth you to possess it.

¹²And to the Reubenites, and to
 the Gadites, and to half the tribe
 of Manasseh, spake Joshua, say-
 ing, ¹³'Remember the word which
 Moses the servant of the Lord
 commanded you, saying, The
 Lord your God hath given you
 rest, and hath given you this
 land. ¹⁴'Your wives, your little
 ones, and your cattle, shall re-
 main in the land which Moses
 gave you on this side of the Jor-
 dan; but ye shall pass before you

brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them; ¹⁵Until the Lord have given your brethren rest, as *he hath given you*, and they also have possessed the land which the Lord your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the Lord's servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrising.

¹⁶And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go. ¹⁷According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the Lord thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses. ¹⁸Whosoever *he be* that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of good courage.

2 And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men as spies secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into a harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there. ²And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to-night of the children of Israel to search out the country. ³And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, that are entered into thine house: for they are come to search out all the country.

⁴And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus unto them, There came men unto me, but I knew not whence they were. ⁵And it came to pass *about the time* of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out, whither the men went I know not: pursue after them quickly, for ye shall overtake them. ⁶But when she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid the women with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof. ⁷And the men pursued after them the way to the Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they were pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate. ⁸And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof: ⁹And she said unto the men, I know that the Lord hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are faint-hearted because of you. ¹⁰For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; at what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. ¹¹And as soon as we had heard *these things*, our hearts did melt: neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath. ¹²Now therefore I pray you, swear unto me by the Lord, since I have shewn you

kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token: ¹³And *that* ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death. ¹⁴And the men answered *her*, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the Lord hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee. ¹⁵Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house *was* upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall. ¹⁶And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way. ¹⁷And the men said unto her, We *will be* blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear. ¹⁸Behold, *when* we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee. ¹⁹And it shall be, *that* whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood *shall be* upon his head, and we *will be* guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head, if *any* hand be upon him. ²⁰And if thou utter *this* our business, then we will

be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us swear. ²¹And she said, According unto your words, *so be* it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window. ²²And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought *them* throughout all the way, but found *them* not. ²³So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all *the things* that befell them: ²⁴And they said unto Joshua, Truly the Lord hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country are faint-hearted because of us.

3 And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

²And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host; ³And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. ⁴Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have

not passed *this* way heretofore.

⁸And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you. ⁹And Joshua spoke unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

⁷And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. ⁸And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of the Jordan, ye shall stand still in the Jordan.

⁹And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the Lord your God. ¹⁰And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God *is* among you, and *that* he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Hivite, and the Perizzite, and the Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Jebusite. ¹¹Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into the Jordan. ¹²Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man. ¹³And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jor-

dan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off *from* the water that come down from above; and they shall stand as one heap.

¹⁴And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents to pass over the Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people; ¹⁵As they that bore the ark were come unto the Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bore the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for the Jordan overfloweth all its banks all the time of harvest,) ¹⁶That the waters which came down from above stood up as one heap very high from the city Adam, that is beside Zarethan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, *even* the Salt Sea, failed and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. ¹⁷And the priests that bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over the Jordan.

4 And it came to pass, when all the people were crossed over the Jordan, that the Lord spoke unto Joshua, saying, ²Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man. ³And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of the Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you: and let

them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night.

Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man; And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel: That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, as the Lord spoke unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests that bore the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day. For the priests that bore the ark stood

in the midst of the Jordan, until every thing was finished that the Lord commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hastened and passed over. And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the Lord passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people.

And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spoke unto them: About forty thousand armed for war passed over before the Lord unto battle, to the plains of Jericho.

On that day the Lord magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

And the Lord spoke unto Joshua, saying, Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of the Jordan.

Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of the Jordan. And it came to pass, when the priests that bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord were come up out of the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over

all its banks, as *they did* before.

¹⁰And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, on the east border of Jericho.

²⁰And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal. ²¹And he spoke unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What *mean* these stones?

²²Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. ²³For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: ²⁴That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the Lord your God for ever.

5 And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, that *were* on the side of the Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, that *were* by the sea, heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel, until they were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

At that time the Lord said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.

³And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of Araloth.

And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that *were* males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that *were* born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, *them* they had not circumcised. For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that *were* men of war, that came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the Lord: unto whom the Lord swore that he would not shew them the land which the Lord swore unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey. And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way. And it came to pass, when the whole people had been circumcised, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were well.

And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from of you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

¹⁰And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹And they did eat of the produce of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day. ¹²And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the produce of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

¹³And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, *Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?* ¹⁴And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, *What saith my lord unto his servant?* ¹⁵And the captain of the Lord's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

6 Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

¹And the Lord said unto Joshua, *See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.*

²And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. ³And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. ⁴And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

⁵And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord. ⁶And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the Lord.

⁷And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the Lord, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them. ⁸And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rearguard came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

⁹And Joshua had commanded

the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall *any* word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout. ¹¹So the ark of the Lord compassed the city, going about *it* once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

¹²And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. ¹³And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rearguard came after the ark of the Lord, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets. ¹⁴And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days. ¹⁵And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times. ¹⁶And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city. ¹⁷And the city shall be accursed, *even it*, and all that *are* therein, to the Lord: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

¹⁸And ye, in any wise keep *yourselves* from the accursed thing: lest ye make *yourselves* accursed when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. ¹⁹¶ All the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, *are* consecrated unto the Lord: they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.

²⁰So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city every man straight before him, and they took the city. ²¹And they utterly destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of sword.

²²But Joshua had said unto two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she has, as ye swore unto her. ²³¶ And the young men that were sent went in, and brought out Rahab and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel. ²⁴¶ And they burnt the city with fire, and all that *was* therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, ¶

put into the treasury of the house of the Lord. ²⁰And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel *even* unto this day; because she hid the messengers, whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

²¹And Joshua adjured *them* at that time, saying, Cursed *be* the man before the Lord, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof with his first-born, and with his youngest *son* shall he set up the gates of it.

²²So the Lord was with Joshua; and his fame was *spread* throughout all the country.

7 But the children of Israel committed a trespass on the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against the children of Israel.

²And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which *is* beside Beth-aven, on the east side of Beth-el, and spoke unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai. ³And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; and make not all the people to labour thither; for they *are but* few.

⁴So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai. ⁵And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them *from* before the gate unto the quarries, and smote them at the descent: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became *as* water.

⁶And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the Lord until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads. ⁷And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord God, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over the Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan! ⁸O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel have turned their backs before their enemies! ⁹For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear *of it*, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

¹⁰And the Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? ¹¹Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put *it* even among their

own stuff. ¹²Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, *but* turned *their* backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you. ¹³Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow: for thus saith the Lord God of Israel, *There is* an accursed thing in the midst of thee. O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you. ¹⁴In the morning therefore ye shall be brought near according to your tribes: and it shall be, *that* the tribe which the Lord taketh shall come near according to the families *thereof*; and the family which the Lord shall take shall come near by households; and the household which the Lord shall take shall come near man by man. ¹⁵And it shall be, *that* he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the Lord, and because he hath committed villainy in Israel.

¹⁶And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken: ¹⁷And he brought near the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zerahites: and he brought near the family of the Zerahites man by man; and Zabdi was

taken: ¹⁸And he brought near his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. ¹⁹And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the Lord God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me.

²⁰And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: ²¹When I saw among the spoil a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they *are* hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

²²So Joshua sent messengers and they ran unto the tent; and behold, *it was* hid in his tent, and the silver under it. ²³And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the childrer of Israel, and laid them out before the Lord. ²⁴And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor. ²⁵And Joshua said, Whast thou troubled us? the Lord shall trouble thee this day. An-

all Israel stoned him with stones, and them they burned with fire and stoned with stones. ¹⁴And they raised over him a great heap of stones, *that remaineth* unto this day. So the Lord turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

8 And the Lord said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land: ²And thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves: lay thee an ambush for the city behind it.

³So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night. ⁴And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, *even* behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready: ⁵And I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them; ⁶And they will come out after us, till we have drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the

first: therefore we will flee before them. ⁷Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for the Lord your God will deliver it into your hand. ⁸And it shall be, when ye have taken the city, *that ye shall set* the city on fire: according to the commandment of the Lord shall ye do. See, I have commanded you. ⁹Joshua therefore sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and abode between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

¹⁰And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people of Ai. ¹¹And all the people, *even the people* of war that were with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ai: now *there was* a valley between them and Ai. ¹²And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of the city. ¹³And when they had set the people, *even* all the host that *was* on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

¹⁴And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hastened and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed,

before the plain; but he knew not that *there were* liers in ambush against him behind the city. ¹⁵And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. ¹⁶And all the people that *were* in Ai were called together to pursue after them; and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. ¹⁷And there was not a man left in Ai or Beth-el, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

¹⁸And the Lord said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that *is* in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that *he had* in his hand toward the city. ¹⁹And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and hastened and set the city on fire. ²⁰And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers. ²¹And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai. ²²And the other issued out of the city against them; so they were

in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape. ²³And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.

²⁴And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen by the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword. ²⁵And so it was, *that* all that fell that day, both of men and women *were* twelve thousand, *even* all the men of Ai. ²⁶For Joshua drew not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai. ²⁷Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves according unto the word of the Lord which he commanded Joshua. ²⁸And Joshua burnt Ai and made it a heap for ever, *ever* a desolation unto this day. ²⁹And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded, and they took his carcass down from the tree, and cast it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raised thereon a great heap of stones, *that remaineth* unto this day.

³⁰Then Joshua built an altar unto the Lord God of Israel in

mount Ebal, ²¹As Moses the servant of the Lord commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lifted up *any* iron: and they offered thereon burnt-offerings unto the Lord, and sacrificed peace-offerings.

And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

²²And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, that bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded, that they should bless the people of Israel at first.

²³And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and curses, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

²⁴There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that walked among them.

9 And it came to pass, when all the kings that *were* on this side of the Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and on all the coast of the Great Sea over against Lebanon, the Hit-

tite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard *thereof*; ²That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

³And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai, ⁴They also did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been messengers, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine-skins, old, and rent, and bound up; ⁵And old sandals and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* mouldy. ⁶And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We are come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

⁷And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you?

⁸And they said unto Joshua, We *are* thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who *are* ye? and from whence come ye? ⁹And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the Lord thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt, ¹⁰And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who *was* at Ashtaroth. ¹¹Wherefore our eld-

ers and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, *We are your servants*: therefore now make ye a league with us. ¹²This our bread we took hot *for* our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy: ¹³And these wine-skins, which we filled, *were* new; and, behold, they are rent: and these our garments and our sandals are become old by reason of the very long journey. ¹⁴And the men took of their victuals, and asked not *counsel* at the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁵And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation swore unto them.

¹⁶And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they *were* their neighbours, and *that* they dwelt among them. ¹⁷And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim. ¹⁸And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the Lord God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes. ¹⁹But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto

them by the Lord God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them. ²⁰This we will do to them: we will let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we swore unto them. ²¹And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had promised them. ²²And Joshua called for them, and he spoke unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, *We are very far from you*; when ye dwell among us? ²³Now therefore ye *are* cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God. ²⁴And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the Lord thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing. ²⁵And now, behold, we *are* in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do. ²⁶And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not. ²⁷And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the Lord even unto this day, in the place which he *should* choose.

10 Now it came to pass, when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them; ²That they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty. ³Wherefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying, ⁴Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel.

⁵And the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.

⁶And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp of Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us. ⁷So Joshua ascended from Gilgal,

he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour. ⁸And the Lord said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee. ⁹Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night. ¹⁰And the Lord discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Beth-horon, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah. ¹¹And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the Lord cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: *they were more who died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.*

¹²Then spoke Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. ¹³And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. *Is not this written in the book of Jashar?* So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hastened not to go down about a whole day. ¹⁴And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man:

for the Lord fought for Israel.

¹⁵And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal. ¹⁶But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah. ¹⁷And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hidden in a cave at Makkedah. ¹⁸And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them: ¹⁹And stay ye not, *but* pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the Lord your God hath delivered them into your hand.

²⁰And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest *who* remained of them entered into fortified cities. ²¹And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

²²Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave. ²³And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, *and* the king of Eglon. ²⁴And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the

men of war that went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them. ²⁵And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom ye fight. ²⁶And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening. ²⁷And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, *that* Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had been hidden, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, *which remain* until this very day.

²⁸And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that *were* therein; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did unto the king of Jericho.

²⁹Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah: ³⁰And the Lord delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel: and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that *were* therein; he let none remain in it; and he did unto the king thereof as he did unto

the king of Jericho.

⁴¹And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it: ⁴²And the Lord delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel; and he took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that *were* therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

⁴³Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

⁴⁴And from Lachish Joshua passed unto Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it: ⁴⁵And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that *were* therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

⁴⁶And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and they fought against it: ⁴⁷And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that *were* therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that *were* therein.

⁴⁸And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought against it: ⁴⁹And he took it, and the king thereof, and all

the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that *were* therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.

⁵⁰So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the lowland, and of the slopes, and all their kings; he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the Lord God of Israel commanded. ⁵¹And Joshua smote them from Kadesh-barnea even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon. ⁵²And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the Lord God of Israel fought for Israel. ⁵³And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

11 And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard *those things*, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, ²And to the kings that *were* on the north, in the mountains, and in the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the lowland, and in the heights of Dor on the west, ³And to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and to the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpah. ⁴And they went

out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the seashore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many. ⁸And all these kings met together: and they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

⁹And the Lord said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to-morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire. ¹⁰So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell upon them. ¹¹And the Lord delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zidon, and unto Misrephoth-maim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining. ¹²And Joshua did unto them as the Lord bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

¹³And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor before-time was the head of all those kingdoms. ¹⁴And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them: there was none left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire. ¹⁵And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings

of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the Lord commanded. ¹⁶But as for the cities that stood still in their fastnesses, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; that did Joshua burn. ¹⁷And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe. ¹⁸As the Lord commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded Moses. ¹⁹So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the lowland, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the lowland of the same; ²⁰Even from the bare mountain that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them. ²¹Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. ²²There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all other they took in battle. ²³For it was of the Lord to harder their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have

no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the Lord commanded Moses.

²¹And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakim from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities. ²²There was none of the Anakim left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained. ²³So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

12 Now these *are* the kings of the land, whom the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side of the Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the river Arnon unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east: ²Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, *and* ruled from Aroer, which is upon the edge of the valley of Arnon, and from the middle of the valley, and from half Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon; ³And from the plain to the sea of Chinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, *even* the Salt Sea on the east, the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and from the south, under the

slopes of Pisgah: ⁴And the border of Og king of Bashan, of the remnant of the Rephaim, who dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, ⁵And reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon. ⁶Them did Moses the servant of the Lord and the children of Israel smite: and Moses the servant of the Lord gave it for a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

⁷And these *are* the kings of the country whom Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this side of the Jordan westward, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even unto the bare mountain, that goeth up to Seir; and Joshua gave it unto the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions; ⁸In the mountains, and in the lowland, and in the plain, and in the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the south country; the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:

⁹The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Beth-el, one; ¹⁰The king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; ¹¹The king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; ¹²The king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; ¹³The king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; ¹⁴The king of Hormah, one; the king

of Arad, one; ¹⁵The king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one; ¹⁶The king of Makkedah, one; the king of Beth-el, one; ¹⁷The king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hephher, one; ¹⁸The king of Aphek, one; the king of Sharon, one; ¹⁹The king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one; ²⁰The king of Shimrom-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one; ²¹The king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; ²²The king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one; ²³The king of Dor in the height of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one; ²⁴The king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty and one.

13 Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the Lord said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed. ²This is the land that yet remaineth: all the districts of the Philistines, and the whole of Geshur. ³From Sihor, which is before Egypt, even unto the border of Ekron northward, which is counted to the Canaanite: the five lords of the Philistines; the Gazathite, and the Ashdodite, the Eshkelonite, the Gittite, and the Ekronite; also the Avvim: ⁴On the south; all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that belongeth to the Sidonians, unto Aphek, to the border of the Amorites: ⁵And the land of the Gibleites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrising, from Baal-gad un-

der mount Hermon unto the entrance of Hamath. ⁶All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon unto Misrephothmaim, and all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the children of Israel: only divide thou it by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance as I have commanded thee. ⁷Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, ⁸With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, even as Moses the servant of the Lord gave them: ⁹From Aroer, that is upon the edge of the valley of Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the valley, and all the plain of Medeba unto Dibon; ¹⁰And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, unto the border of the children of Ammon; ¹¹And Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan unto Salcah; ¹²All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the Rephaim: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out. ¹³Nevertheless the children of Israel expelled not the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites: but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites until this day.

¹⁴Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave no inheritance; the sacri-

flces of the Lord God of Israel made by fire *are* their inheritance, as he said unto them.

¹⁹And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben inheritance according to their families. ²⁰And their border was from Aroer, that is on the edge of the valley of Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the valley, and all the plain by Medeba; ²¹Heshbon, and all her cities that are in the plain; Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon, ²²And Jahaza, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath, ²³And Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zereth-shahar in the mount of the valley, ²⁴And Beth-peor, and the slopes of Pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth, ²⁵And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, the dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the country. ²⁶Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them. ²⁷And the border of the children of Reuben was the Jordan, and the border thereof.

This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

²⁸And Moses gave inheritance unto the tribe of Gad, *even* unto the children of Gad according to their families. ²⁹And their border was Jazer, and all the cities

of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, unto Aroer that is before Rabbah; ³⁰And from Heshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir; ³¹And in the valley, Beth-haram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, the Jordan and its border, *even* unto the edge of the sea of Chinnereth on the other side of the Jordan eastward.

³²This is the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, the cities, and their villages.

³³And Moses gave inheritance unto the half-tribe of Manasseh: and *this was the possession* of the half-tribe of the children of Manasseh by their families. ³⁴And their border was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, threescore cities: ³⁵And half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, *were pertaining* unto the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, *even* to the one half of the children of Machir by their families.

³⁶These are the portions which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho, eastward. ³⁷But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not any inheritance: the Lord God of

Israel *was* their inheritance, as he said unto them.

14 And these *are the countries* which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance to them. ²By lot *was* their inheritance, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and for the half-tribe. ³For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe on the other side of the Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave no inheritance among them. ⁴For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell in, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance. ⁵As the Lord commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

⁶Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the Lord said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea. ⁷Forty years old *was* I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land; and I brought him word back as it *was* in mine heart. ⁸Nevertheless my brethren that went up with

me made the heart of the people Lord my God. ⁹And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the melt: but I wholly followed the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God. ¹⁰And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the Lord spoke this word unto Moses, while *the children of* Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I *am* this day fourscore and five years old. ¹¹As yet I *am as* strong this day as I *was* in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength *was* then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. ¹²Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spoke in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakim *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great and fortified: if the Lord *will be* with me, I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said. ¹³And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance. ¹⁴Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel. ¹⁵And the name of Hebron before *was* Kirjath-arba; *which Arba was* a great man among the Anakim. And the land had rest from war.

15 And the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families, near the border of Edom, was the wilderness of Zin southward, at the uttermost part of the south. ²And their south border was from the shore of the Salt Sea, from the bay that looketh southward: ³And it went out to the south side to Maaleh-akrabhim, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side unto Kadesh-barnea, and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and made a circuit to Karka: *From thence* it passed toward Azmon, and went out unto the river of Egypt; and the goings out of that border were at the sea: this shall be your south border. ⁴And the east border was the Salt Sea, even unto the end of the Jordan. And the border in the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the uttermost part of the Jordan: ⁵And the border went up to Beth-hogla, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben: ⁶And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that is before the going up to Adummim, which is on the south side of the river: and the border passed toward the waters of En-shemesh, and the goings out thereof were at En-rogel: ⁷And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south side of

the Jebusite; the same is Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lieth before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the valley of the Rephaim northward: ⁸And the border was drawn from the top of the hill unto the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah, which is Kirjath-jearim: ⁹And the border compassed from Baalah westward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of mount Jearim, which is Chesalon, on the north side, and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed on to Timnah: ¹⁰And the border went out unto the side of Ekron northward; and the border was drawn to Shikron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out unto Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea. ¹¹And the west border was to the Great Sea, and the coast thereof. This is the border of the children of Judah round about according to their families.

¹²And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the Lord to Joshua, even the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron. ¹³And Caleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi, the children of Anak. ¹⁴And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir

before *was* Kirjath-sepher. ¹⁶And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. ¹⁷And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. ¹⁸And it came to pass, as she came *unto him*, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted off *her* ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou? ¹⁹And she said, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the Upper Springs, and the Nether Springs.

²⁰This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.

²¹And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the border of Edom southward were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur, ²²And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah, ²³And Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan, ²⁴Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth, ²⁵And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, *and* Hezron, which *is* Hazor, ²⁶Amam and Shema, and Moladah, ²⁷And Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-pelet, ²⁸And Hazar-shual, and Beersheba, and Bizjothjah, ²⁹Baalah, and Iim, and Azem, ³⁰And Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah, ³¹And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah, ³²And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities *are* twenty

and nine with their villages:

³³And in the lowland, Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah, ³⁴And Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tapuah, and Enam, ³⁵Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah, ³⁶And Shaaraim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages:

³⁷Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-gad, ³⁸And Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel, ³⁹Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon, ⁴⁰And Cabbon, and Lahmas, and Kithlish, ⁴¹And Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages:

⁴²Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan, ⁴³And Jiptah, and Ashnah, and Nezib, ⁴⁴And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages:

⁴⁵Ekron, with her towns and her villages: ⁴⁶From Ekron even unto the sea, all that *lay* near Ashdod, with their villages:

⁴⁷Ashdod with her towns and her villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, unto the River of Egypt, and the Great Sea and the border *thereof*:

⁴⁸And in the mountains, Shammir, and Jattir, and Socoh, ⁴⁹And Dannah, and Kirjath-sannah, which *is* Debir, ⁵⁰And Anab, and Eshtemoth, and Anim, ⁵¹And Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages:

⁵²Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean, ⁵³And Janum, and Beth-tapuah, and Aphekah, ⁵⁴And Humtah, and Kirjath-arba, which *is*

Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages:

⁵⁰Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah, ⁵¹And Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah, ⁵²Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages:

⁵³Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor, ⁵⁴And Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages:

⁵⁵Kirjath-baal, which is Kirjath-jearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages:

⁵⁶In the wilderness, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah, ⁵⁷And Nibshan, and the City of Salt, and En-gedi; six cities with their villages.

⁵⁸As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

16 And the lot of the children of Joseph fell from the Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jericho throughout mount Beth-el, ²And goeth out from Beth-el to Luz, and passeth along unto the borders of Archi to Ataroth, ³And goeth down westward to the border of Japhleti, unto the border of Beth-horon the Nether, and to Gezer: and the goings out thereof are at the sea. ⁴So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance. ⁵And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their

families was *thus*: even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth-addar, unto Beth-horon the Upper; ⁶And the border went out toward the sea to Michmethath on the north side; and the border went about eastward unto Taanath-shiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janoah; ⁷And it went down from Janoah to Ataroth, and to Naarah, and came to Jericho, and went out at the Jordan. ⁸The border went out from Tappuah westward unto the river Kanah; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families. ⁹And the separate cities for the children of Ephraim were among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages. ¹⁰And they drove not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.

17 There was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he was the first-born of Joseph; *to wit*, for Machir the first-born of Manasseh, the father of Gilead: because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan. ²There was also a lot for the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hephher, and for

the children of Shemida: *these were* the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.

²But Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and *these are* the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. ⁴And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The Lord commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren. Therefore according to the commandment of the Lord he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father. ⁵And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which *was* on the other side of the Jordan; ⁶Because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons: and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead.

⁷And the border of Manasseh *was* from Asher to Michmethath, that *lieth* before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah. ⁸Now Manasseh had the land of Tappuah: but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh *belonged* to the children of Ephraim; ⁹And the border descended unto the river Kanah, southward of the river: *these cities of Ephraim are* among the cities of Manasseh: the border

of Manasseh also *was* on the north side of the river, and the outgoings of it were at the sea:

¹⁰Southward *it was* Ephraim's, and northward *it was* Manasseh's, and the sea is his border; and they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east. ¹¹And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Beth-shean and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, *even* three districts. ¹²Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out *the inhabitants of* those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. ¹³Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but did not utterly drive them out.

¹⁴And the children of Joseph spoke unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me *but* one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I *am* a great people, forasmuch as the Lord hath blessed me hitherto? ¹⁵And Joshua answered them, If thou *be* a great people, *then* get thee up to the wood country, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee. ¹⁶And the children of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites

that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both they who are of Beth-shean and her towns, and they who are of the valley of Jezreel.* ¹⁷And Joshua spoke unto the house of Joseph, *even to Ephraim and to Manasseh,* saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one lot *only.* ¹⁸But the mountain shall be thine; for it is a wood, and thou shalt cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, *and though they be strong.*

18 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them. ²And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance. ³And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you?

⁴Give out from among you three men for *each* tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come *again* to me. ⁵And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall abide in his border on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their border

on the north. ⁶Ye shall therefore describe the land *into seven parts,* and bring *the description* hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the Lord our God. ⁷But the Levites have no part among you; for the priesthood of the Lord is their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave them.

⁸And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the Lord in Shiloh. ⁹And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came *again* to Joshua to the camp at Shiloh. ¹⁰And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the Lord: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

¹¹And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the border of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph. ¹²And their border on the north side was from the Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and the goings

out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven. ¹³And the border went over from thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz, which is Beth-el, southward; and the border descended to Ataroth-adar, near the hill that *lieth* on the south side of the Nether Beth-horon. ¹⁴And the border was drawn *thence*, and compassed the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that *lieth* before Beth-horon southward; and the goings out thereof were at Kirjath-baal, which is Kirjath-jearim, a city of the children of Judah: this *was* the west quarter. ¹⁵And the south quarter *was* from the end of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah: ¹⁶And the border came down to the end of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of the son of Hinnom, *and* which *is* in the valley of Rephaim on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusite on the south, and descended to En-rogel, ¹⁷And was drawn from the north, and went forth to En-shemesh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which *is* over against the going up of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben, ¹⁸And passed along toward the side over against Beth-arabah northward, and went down unto Arabah: ¹⁹And the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah northward: and the outgoings of the border were

at the north bay of the Salt Sea at the south end of the Jordan: this *was* the south border. ²⁰And the Jordan was the border of it on the east side.

This *was* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the border thereof round about, according to their families.

²¹Now the cities of the trihe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and Emek-Keziz, ²²And Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-el, ²³And Avvim, and Parah, and Ophrah, ²⁴And Chephar-haammonah, and Ophni, and Geba; twelve cities with their villages: ²⁵Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth, ²⁶And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah, ²⁷And Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah, ²⁸And Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, which *is* Jerusalem, Gibeath, *and* Kirjath; fourteen cities with their villages.

This *is* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

19 And the second lot came forth to Simeon, *even* for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah. ²And they had in their inheritance Beer-sheba, and Sheba, and Moladah, ³And Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Ezem, ⁴And Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah, ⁵And Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah, ⁶And Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhem; thir-

teen cities and their villages: ⁷Ain, Rimmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages: ⁸And all the villages that were round about these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramah of the South.

This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. ⁹Out of the portion of the children of Judah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

¹⁰And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid: ¹¹And their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbesheth, and reached to the river that is before Jokneam; ¹²And turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrising unto the border of Chisloth-tabor, and then goeth out to Daberath, and goeth up to Japhia, ¹³And from thence passeth on along the east to Gath-hepher, to Eth-kazin, and goeth out to Rimmon-methoar and on to Neah; ¹⁴And the border compasseth it on the north side to Hannathon: and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of Jiphthah-el: ¹⁵And Kuttath, and Nahalal, and Shimon, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: ¹⁶Twelve cities with their villages.

¹⁷This is the inheritance of the

children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

¹⁷And the fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of Issachar according to their families. ¹⁸And their border was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem, ¹⁹And Hapharaim, and Shion, and Anaharath, ²⁰And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Ebez, ²¹And Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez; ²²And the border reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Beth-shemesh; and the outgoings of their border were at the Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages.

²³This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

²⁴And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families. ²⁵And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph, ²⁶And Allammelech, and Amad, and Misheal; and reacheth to Carmel westward, and to Shihor-libnath; ²⁷And turneth toward the sunrising to Beth-dagon, and reacheth to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthah-el toward the north side of Bethemek, and Neiel, and goeth out to Cabul on the left hand, ²⁸And Ebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, even unto great Sidon; ²⁹And then the border turneth to Ramah, and to the strong city Tyre: and the border turneth to

Hosah; and the outgoings there-
of are to the south of the district
of Achzib: ³⁰Ummah also, and
Aphék, and Rehob: twenty and
two cities with their villages.

³¹This is the inheritance of the
tribe of the children of Asher ac-
cording to their families, these
cities with their villages.

³²The sixth lot came out to the
children of Naphtali, *even* for the
children of Naphtali according to
their families. ³³And their border
was from Heleph, from Ellon-
bezaanannim, and Adami-nekeb,
and Jabneel, unto Lakum; and
the outgoings thereof were at
the Jordan: ³⁴And *then* the bor-
der turneth westward to Aznoth-
tabor, and goeth out from thence
to Hukkok, and reacheth to Ze-
bulon on the south side, and
reacheth to Asher on the west
side, and to Judah upon the Jor-
dan toward the sunrising. ³⁵And
the fortified cities *are* Ziddim,
Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and
Chinnereth. ³⁶And Adamah, and
Ramah, and Hazor, ³⁷And Kedesh,
and Edrei, and En-hazor, ³⁸And
Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and
Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh;
nineteen cities with their vil-
lages.

³⁹This is the inheritance of the
tribe of the children of Naphtali
according to their families, the
cities and their villages.

⁴⁰And the seventh lot came out
for the tribe of the children of
Dan according to their families.
⁴¹And the border of their inher-
itance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and

Ir-shemesh, ⁴²And Shaalabbin,
and Ajalon, and Jithlah, ⁴³And
Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ek-
ron, ⁴⁴And Eltekeh, and Glib-
bethon, and Baalath, ⁴⁵And Je-
hud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-
rimmon, ⁴⁶And Me-jarkon, and
Rakkon, with the border before
Japho.

⁴⁷And the border of the chil-
dren of Dan went out *too little*
for them: therefore the children
of Dan went up to fight against
Leshem, and took it, and smote
it with the edge of the sword,
and possessed it, and dwelt there-
in, and called Leshem, Dan, after
the name of Dan their father.

⁴⁸This is the inheritance of the
tribe of the children of Dan ac-
cording to their families, these
cities with their villages.

⁴⁹When they had made an end
of dividing the land for inherit-
ance by their borders, the chil-
dren of Israel gave an inherit-
ance to Joshua the son of Nun
among them: ⁵⁰According to the
word of the Lord they gave him
the city which he asked, *even*
Timnath-serah in mount Ephra-
im: and he built the city, and
dwelt therein.

⁵¹These *are* the inheritances,
which Eleazar the priest, and Jo-
shua the son of Nun, and the
heads of the fathers of the tribes
of the children of Israel, divided
for an inheritance by lot in Shi-
loh before the Lord, at the door
of the tabernacle of the congre-
gation. So they made an end of
dividing the country.

20 The Lord also spoke unto Joshua, saying, ^aSpeak to the children of Israel, saying,

Appoint for you cities of refuge, whereof I spoke unto you by the hand of Moses: ^aThat the slayer that killeth *any* person unawares and unwittingly may flee thither: and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood. ^aAnd when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them. ^aAnd if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand; because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime. ^aAnd he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, and until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

^aAnd they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah. ^aAnd on the other side of the Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead

out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

^aThese were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth *any* person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

21 Then came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel; ^aAnd they spoke unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The Lord commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle.

^aAnd the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the Lord, these cities and their suburbs.

^aAnd the lot came out for the families of the Kehathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

^aAnd the rest of the children of Kehath had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

⁶And the children of Gershon *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

⁷The children of Merari by their families *had* out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

⁸And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses.

⁹And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are *here* mentioned by name, ¹⁰Which the children of Aaron, *being* of the families of the Kehathites, *who were* of the children of Levi, *had*: for theirs was the first lot. ¹¹And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron, in the hill-country of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it. ¹²But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

¹³Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah with her suburbs, ¹⁴And Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs.

¹⁵And Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs, ¹⁶And Ain with her suburbs, ¹⁷And Juttah with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes.

¹⁷And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her suburbs, Geba with her suburbs, ¹⁸Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with her suburbs; four cities.

¹⁹All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

²⁰And the families of the children of Kehath, the Levites that remained of the children of Kehath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim. ²¹For they gave them Shechem with her suburbs in mount Ephraim, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Gezer with her suburbs, ²²And Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs; four cities.

²³And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs, Gibbethon with her suburbs, ²⁴Aijalon with her suburbs, Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; four cities.

²⁵And out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; two cities.

²⁶All the cities *were* ten with their suburbs for the families of the children of Kehath that remained.

²⁷And unto the children of Ger-

shon, of the families of the Levites, out of the *other* half-tribe of Manasseh *they gave* Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Beeshterah with her suburbs; two cities.

²⁸And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with her suburbs, Daheerath with her suburbs, ²⁹Jarmuth with her suburbs, Engannim with her suburbs; four cities.

³⁰And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs, ³¹Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; four cities.

³²And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hammothdor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs; three cities.

³³All the cities of the Gerashonites according to their families *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

³⁴And unto the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs, ³⁵Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs; four cities.

And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahazah with her suburbs, Kedemoth with her suburbs, and

Mephaath with her suburbs; four cities.

³⁶And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Mahanaim with her suburbs, ³⁷Heshbon with her suburbs, Jazer with her suburbs; four cities in all.

³⁸So all the cities for the children of Merari by their families, who were remaining of the families of the Levites, were *by* their lot twelve cities.

³⁹All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel *were* forty and eight cities with their suburbs. ⁴⁰These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them; thus *were* all these cities.

⁴¹And the Lord gave unto Israel all the land which he swore to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein. ⁴²And the Lord gave them rest round about, according to all that he swore unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand. ⁴³There failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

22 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, ²And said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I

commanded you: ⁸'Ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the Lord your God. ⁴'And now the Lord your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them: therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, *and* unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you on the other side of the Jordan. ⁵'But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁶'So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents.

⁷'Now to the *one* half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given possession in Bashan: but unto the *other* half thereof gave Joshua among their brethren on this side of the Jordan westward. And when Joshua sent them away also unto their tents, then he blessed them, ⁸'And he spoke unto them, saying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.

⁹'And the children of Reuben

and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan, to go unto the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Moses. ¹⁰'And when they came unto the districts of the Jordan, that *are* in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, a great altar to look at.

¹¹'And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the districts of the Jordan, at the side of the children of Israel. ¹²'And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them. ¹³'And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, ¹⁴'And with him ten princes, of each chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one *was* a head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel. ¹⁵'And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the

children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying, ¹⁸Thus saith the whole congregation of the Lord, What trespass is this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the Lord, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye might rebel this day against the Lord? ¹⁹Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the Lord, ²⁰But that ye must turn away this day from following the Lord? and it will be, seeing ye rebel to-day against the Lord, that tomorrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel. ²¹Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession be unclean, then pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the Lord, wherein the Lord's tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebel not against the Lord, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar besides the altar of the Lord our God. ²²Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass upon the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

²³Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh answered, and said unto the heads of the thousands of Israel, ²⁴The Lord

God of gods, the Lord God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel also shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the Lord, (save us not this day,)

²⁵That we have built us an altar to turn from following the Lord, or if to offer thereon burnt-offering or meal-offering, or if to offer peace-offerings thereon, let the Lord himself require it; ²⁶And if we have not rather done it for fear of this thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with the Lord God of Israel? ²⁷For the Lord hath made the Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad; ye have no part in the Lord: so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the Lord. ²⁸Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice: ²⁹But that it may be a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the Lord before him with our burnt-offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace-offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the Lord.

³⁰Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say again, Behold the pattern of the altar of the Lord, which our fa-

thers made, not for burnt-offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it is a witness between us and you. ²⁹God forbid that we should rebel against the Lord, and turn this day from following the Lord, to build an altar for burnt-offerings, for meal-offering, or for sacrifices, besides the altar of the Lord our God that is before his tabernacle.

³⁰And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation and the heads of the thousands of Israel that were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them. ³¹And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the Lord is among us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the Lord: now ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the Lord.

³²And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again. ³³And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the

children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

³⁴And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar *Ed*: for it shall be a witness between us that the Lord is God.

23 And it came to pass a long time after that the Lord had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age. ²And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age: ³And ye have seen all that the Lord your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the Lord your God is he that hath fought for you. ⁴Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the Great Sea westward. ⁵And the Lord your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the Lord your God hath promised unto you. ⁶Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left; ⁷That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you: neither make mention of the name of their

gods, nor cause to swear *by them*, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them: ⁸But cleave unto the Lord your God, as ye have done unto this day. ⁹For the Lord hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but *as for* you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day. ¹⁰One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the Lord your God, he *it is* that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you. ¹¹Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the Lord your God. ¹²Else if ye do in any wise go back and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, *even* these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: ¹³Know for a certainty that the Lord your God will no more drive out *any of* these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the Lord your God hath given you. ¹⁴And, behold, this day I *am* going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spoke concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof. ¹⁵Therefore it shall come to pass, *that* as all good things are come upon you, which the Lord your God pro-

mised you; so shall the Lord bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the Lord your God hath given you. ¹⁶When ye have transgressed the covenant of the Lord your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

24 And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the River in old time, *even* Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods. ³And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the River, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. ⁴And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. ⁵I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out. ⁶And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came unto the

sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red Sea. ¹And when they cried unto the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season. ²And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, that dwelt on the other side of the Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you. ³Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you: ⁴But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand. ⁵And ye went over the Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Girgashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: and I delivered them into your hand. ⁶And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Amorites; *but* not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. ⁷And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not

do ye eat. ⁸Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. ⁹And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

¹⁰And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods; ¹¹For the Lord our God, he *it is* that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and that did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed: ¹²And the Lord drove out from before us all the people, even the Amorites that dwelt in the land: *therefore* will we also serve the Lord; for he is our God.

¹³And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the Lord: for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. ¹⁴If ye forsake the Lord, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

¹¹And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the Lord. ¹²And Joshua said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the Lord, to serve him. And they said, *We are* witnesses. ¹³Now therefore put away, *said he*, the strange gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel. ¹⁴And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

¹⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. ¹⁶And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that *was* by the sanctuary of the Lord. ¹⁷And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the Lord which he spoke unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God. ¹⁸So Joshua let the

people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

¹⁹And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, *being* a hundred and ten years old. ²⁰And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which *is* in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.

²¹And Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that lived long after Joshua, and had known all the works of the Lord, that he had done for Israel.

²²And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in the parcel of the ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred Kesitas: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

²³And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in the hill *that pertained* to Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.

שופטים

JUDGES

1 Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the Lord, saying. Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them? ²And the Lord said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand. ³And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him. ⁴And Judah went up; and the Lord delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men. ⁵And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites. ⁶But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes. ⁷And Adoni-bezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered *their meat* under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

⁸Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem,

and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. ⁹And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelt in the mountain, and in the south, and in the lowland. ¹⁰And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron: (now the name of Hebron before *was* Kirjath-arba:) and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai. ¹¹And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjath-sepher:

¹²And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. ¹³And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. ¹⁴And it came to pass, when she came to him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted from off *her ass*; and Caleb said unto her, What wilt thou? ¹⁵And she said unto him, Give me a blessing, for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the Upper Springs and the Nether Springs.

¹⁴And the children of the Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up out of the City of Palm-trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which lieth in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

¹⁷And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah. ¹⁸Also Judah took Gaza with the border thereof, and Askelon with the border thereof, and Ekron with the border thereof. ¹⁹And the Lord was with Judah; and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron. ²⁰And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak.

²¹And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

²²And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Beth-el: and the Lord was with them.

²³And the house of Joseph sent to spy out Beth-el. (Now the name of the city before was Luz.)

²⁴And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will shew thee mercy.

²⁵And when he shewed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and all his family. ²⁶And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: which is the name thereof unto this day.

²⁷Neither did Manasseh drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shean and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. ²⁸And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

²⁹Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

³⁰Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributary.

³¹Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Sidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob: ³²But the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

³³Neither did Naphtali drive

out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became tributary unto them.

³⁴And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley: ³⁵But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres and Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became tributary. ³⁶And the border of the Amorites *was* from the slope of Akrabbim, from Sela, and upward.

2 And an angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. ²And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? ³Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be *as thorns* in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.

⁴And it came to pass, when the angel of the Lord spoke these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. ⁵And they

called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the Lord.

⁶And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. ⁷And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord, that he did for Israel. ⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, *being* a hundred and ten years old. ⁹And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash. ¹⁰And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel. ¹¹And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim: ¹²And they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that *were* round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the Lord to anger. ¹³And they forsook the Lord, and served Baal and Ashtaroth. ¹⁴And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies

round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. ¹⁵Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for evil, as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed. ¹⁶Nevertheless the Lord raised up judges, who delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. ¹⁷And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went astray after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the Lord; but they did not so. ¹⁸And when the Lord raised them up judges, then the Lord was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the Lord because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them. ¹⁹And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way. ²⁰And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice; ²¹I also will not henceforth drive out

any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died: ²²That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the Lord to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not. ²³Therefore the Lord left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

3 Now these are the nations which the Lord left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan; ²Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof; ³Namely, five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entrance of Hamath. ⁴And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the Lord, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. ⁵And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites: ⁶And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

⁷And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and forgot the Lord their God, and served Baalim and the groves.

⁸Therefore the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years. ⁹And when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, *even* Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. ¹⁰And the spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the Lord delivered Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim. ¹¹And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

¹²And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the Lord. ¹³And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the City of Palm-trees. ¹⁴And the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. ¹⁵But when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man lamed in his right hand: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab. ¹⁶But Ehud made him a dagger which

had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh. ¹⁷And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man. ¹⁸And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bore the present. ¹⁹But he himself turned again from the quarries that *were* by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him. ²⁰And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in the cooling chamber, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of *his* seat. ²¹And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly: ²²And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly: and the dirt came out. ²³Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the chamber upon him, and locked them. ²⁴When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the chamber *were* locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his cooling chamber. ²⁵And they tarried very long: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the chamber; therefore they took a key, and opened *them*: and, behold, their lord *was* fallen down

dead on the earth. ²⁶And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirah. ²⁷And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them. ²⁸And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the Lord hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of the Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over. ²⁹And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man. ³⁰So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years.

³¹And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox-goad: and he also delivered Israel.

4 And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord, when Ehud was dead. ²And the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, who dwelt in Harosheth-goyim. ³And the children of Israel cried unto the Lord: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

⁴And Deborah, a prophetess,

the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. ⁵And she dwelt under the palm-tree of Deborah between Ramah and Beth-el in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. ⁶And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the Lord God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? ⁷And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand. ⁸And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go. ⁹And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the Lord shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.

And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh. ¹⁰And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

¹¹Now Heber the Kenite, even from the children of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which is by Kedesh.

¹²And they told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor. ¹³And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, *even* nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that *were* with him, from Harosheth-goyim unto the brook Kishon.

¹⁴And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this *is* the day in which the Lord hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the Lord gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him. ¹⁵And the Lord discomfited Sisera, and all *his* chariots, and all *his* host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down off *his* chariot, and fled away on his feet. ¹⁶But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth-goyim: and all the host of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; *and* there was not a man left.

¹⁷But Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for *there* was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. ¹⁸And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle. ¹⁹And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered

him. ²⁰Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and inquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No. ²¹Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and it pierced through into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died. ²²And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her *tent*, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail *was* in his temples.

²³So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. ²⁴And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

5 Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,

²For that the leaders in Israel led, and the people willingly offered themselves, bless ye the Lord. ³Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I *even* I, will sing unto the Lord; I will sing *praise* to the Lord God of Israel.

⁴Lord, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the

earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water. ⁵The mountains melted from before the Lord, *even* that Sinai from before the Lord God of Israel.

⁶In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through byways. ⁷The rulers ceased in Israel, they ceased, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel.

⁸They chose new gods; then was war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?

⁹My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the Lord.

¹⁰Speak, ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment, and walk by the way. ¹¹*Louder* than the voice of those who march in rows in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the Lord, *even* the righteous acts of his rule in Israel: then shall the people of the Lord go down to the gates.

¹²Awake, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.

¹³Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the Lord made me have dominion over the mighty. ¹⁴They whose

root is out of Ephraim were against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; out of Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer.

¹⁵And the princes of Issachar *were* with Deborah; *even* Issachar, and also Barak: he was sent on foot into the valley. For the divisions of Reuben *there were* great thoughts of heart.

¹⁶Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? For the divisions of Reuben *there were* great searchings of heart.

¹⁷Gilead abode beyond the Jordan: and why did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on the seashore, and abode in his bays.

¹⁸Zebulun and Naphtali *were* a people *that* jeopardized their lives unto the death in the high places of the field. ¹⁹The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no gain of money. ²⁰They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

²¹The river of Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. O my soul, thou hast trodden along with strength. ²²Then were the horsehoofs broken by the prancings, the prancings of their mighty ones.

²³Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof;

because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

²⁴Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be above women in the tent. ²⁵He asked water, *and she gave him milk*; she brought forth butter in a lordly dish. ²⁶She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and she hammered Sisera, she struck his head, yea, she pierced and struck through his temples. ²⁷At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down dead.

²⁸The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots? ²⁹Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned answer to herself, ³⁰Behold, they have found, they have divided: to every man a damsel or two; to Sisera a spoil of garments of divers colours, a spoil of varicoloured embroidery, of varicoloured embroidered stuffs on the necks of the captives.

³¹So let all thine enemies perish, O Lord: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might.

And the land had rest forty years.

6 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian

seven years. ²And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: *and because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which are in the mountains, and caves, and strongholds.* ³And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them; ⁴And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. ⁵For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; *for both they and their camels were without number*: and they entered into the land to destroy it. ⁶And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the Lord.

⁷And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord because of the Midianites, ⁸That the Lord sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, who said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage; ⁹And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drove them out from before you, and gave you their land; ¹⁰And I said unto you, I am the Lord your God; fear not the

gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

¹¹And there came an angel of the Lord, and sat under an oak which *was* in Ophrah, that *per-turned* unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the wine-press, to hide it from the Midianites. ¹²And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour. ¹³And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where *are* all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? but now the Lord hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. ¹⁴And the Lord looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee? ¹⁵And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family *is* poor in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father's house. ¹⁶And the Lord said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. ¹⁷And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me. ¹⁸Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. And he said,

I will tarry until thou come again.

¹⁹And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour; the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it. ²⁰And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay *them* upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. ²¹Then the angel of the Lord put forth the end of the staff that *was* in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the Lord departed out of his sight. ²²And when Gideon perceived that he *was* an angel of the Lord, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord God! because I have seen an angel of the Lord face to face. ²³And the Lord said unto him, Peace *be* unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. ²⁴Then Gideon built an altar there unto the Lord, and called it Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

²⁵And it came to pass the same night, that the Lord said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, and the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that *is* by it; ²⁶And build an altar unto the Lord thy God upon the top of this rock, according to *its*

arrangement, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt-sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down. ²⁷Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the Lord had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night. ²⁸And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that *was* by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar *that was* built. ²⁹And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing. ³⁰Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that *was* by it. ³¹And Joash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for Baal? will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death before the morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because *one* hath cast down his altar. ³²Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar.

³³Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered to-

gether, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel. ³⁴But the spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him. ³⁵And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; who also was gathered after him: and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

³⁶And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said, ³⁷Behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and *it be* dry upon all the ground *beside*, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said. ³⁸And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and he squeezed the fleece, and wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water. ³⁹And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew. ⁴⁰And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

7 Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north

side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

²And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. ³Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

⁴And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people *are* yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, *that* of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go. ⁵So he brought down the people unto the water: and the Lord said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink. ⁶And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. ⁷And the Lord said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you,

and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the *other* people go every man unto his place. ⁸So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all *the rest* of Israel every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

⁹And it came to pass the same night, that the Lord said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand. ¹⁰But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Purah thy servant down to the camp: ¹¹And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the camp. Then went he down with Purah his servant unto the outside of the armed men that *were* in the camp. ¹²And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels *were* without number, as the sand by the seashore for multitude. ¹³And when Gideon was come, behold, *there was* a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along. ¹⁴And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Isra-

el: *for* into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host.

¹⁵And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the camp of Israel, and said, Arise; for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian. ¹⁶And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers. ¹⁷And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be *that*, as I do, so shall ye do. ¹⁸When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that *are* with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, For the Lord, and for Gideon.

¹⁹So Gideon, and the hundred men that *were* with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and broke the pitchers that *were* in their hands. ²⁰And the three companies blew the trumpets, and broke the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal*: and they cried, The sword for the Lord, and for Gideon. ²¹And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled. ²²And the three hundred blew

the trumpets, and the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Beth-shittah in Zererah, and to the border of Abel-meholah unto Tab-bath. ²³And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites. ²⁴And Gideon sent messengers throughout all the mount of Ephraim saying, Come down against the Midianites, and take before them the waters unto Beth-barah and the Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took the waters unto Beth-barah and the Jordan. ²⁵And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the wine-press of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side of the Jordan.

8 And the men of Ephraim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him sharply. ²And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison with you? Is not the gleanings of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer? ³God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison

with you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

⁴And Gideon came to the Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men that *were* with him, faint, yet pursuing *them*. ⁵And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they *are* faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian. ⁶And the princes of Succoth said, *Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thine army? ⁷And Gideon said, Therefore when the Lord hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into thine hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers.

⁸And he went up thence to Penuel, and spoke unto them likewise: and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered *him*. ⁹And he spoke also unto the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

¹⁰Now Zebah and Zalmunna *were* in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand *men*, all that were left of all the hosts of the children of the east: for there fell a hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword. ¹¹And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents on the east of Nobah and

Jogbehah, and smote the host: for the host was secure. ¹²And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and discomfited all the host.

¹³And Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before the sun *was* up, ¹⁴And caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and inquired of him: and he described unto him the princes of Succoth, and the elders thereof, *even* threescore and seventeen men. ¹⁵And he came unto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, *Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men *that are* weary? ¹⁶And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he punished the men of Succoth. ¹⁷And he beat down the tower of Penuel, and slew the men of the city. ¹⁸Then said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men *were they* whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou *art*, so *were* they; each one resembled the children of a king. ¹⁹And he said, They *were* my brethren, *even* the sons of my mother: as the Lord liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you. ²⁰And he said unto Jether his first-born, Up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he *was* yet a youth.

²¹Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments that *were* on their camels' necks.

²²Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian. ²³And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the Lord shall rule over you. ²⁴And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they *were* Ishmaelites.) ²⁵And they answered, We will willingly give *them*. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the earrings of his prey. ²⁶And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred *shekels* of gold: besides crescents, and pendants, and purple raiment that *was* on the kings of Midian, and besides the chains that *were* about their camels' necks. ²⁷And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, *even* in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither astray after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.

²⁸Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so

that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was quiet forty years in the days of Gideon.

²⁹And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house. ³⁰And Gideon had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten: for he had many wives. ³¹And his concubine that *was* in Shechem, she also bore him a son, whose name he called Abimelech. ³²And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

³³And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went astray after Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god. ³⁴And the children of Israel remembered not the Lord their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side: ³⁵Neither shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, *namely*, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewn unto Israel.

9 And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, ²Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, What is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, *who are* threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over

you? remember also that I *am* your bone and your flesh. ⁸And his mother's brethren spoke of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He is our brother. ⁹And they gave him threescore and ten *pieces* of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired vain and light persons, who followed him. ¹⁰And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, *being* threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: and there was left Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal, for he hid himself.

¹¹And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, by the oak set in Shechem. ¹²And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you. ¹³The trees went forth *on a time* to anoint a king over them: and they said unto the olive-tree, Reign thou over us. ¹⁴But the olive-tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to hold sway over the trees? ¹⁵And the trees said to the fig-tree, Come thou, *and* reign over us. ¹⁶But the fig-tree said unto them,

Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to hold sway over the trees? ¹⁷Then said the trees unto the vine, Come thou, *and* reign over us. ¹⁸And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to hold sway over the trees? ¹⁹Then said all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, *and* reign over us. ²⁰And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, *then* come *and* put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon. ²¹Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deservings of his hands; ²²(For my father fought for you, and risked his life, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian: ²³And ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maid-servant, king over the men of Shechem, because he *is* your brother;) ²⁴If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, *then* rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you: ²⁵But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of

Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech.

²¹And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

²²When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel, ²³Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech: ²⁴That the cruelty *done* to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother, who slew them; and upon the men of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to kill his brethren. ²⁵And the men of Shechem set liers-in-wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech.

²⁶And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him. ²⁷And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trod *the grapes*, and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech. ²⁸And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who *is* Abimelech, and who *is* Shechem, that we should serve him? *is not he* the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? *serve* the men of Hamor the fa-

ther of Shechem: for why should we serve him? ²⁹And would to God this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase thine army, and come out.

³⁰And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger *was* kindled. ³¹And he sent messengers unto Abimelech privily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brethren are come to Shechem; and, behold, they besiege the city against thee. ³²Now therefore up by night, thou and the people that *are* with thee, and lie in wait in the field: ³³And it shall be, *that* in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city: and, behold, *when* he and the people that *are* with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them as thou shalt find occasion.

³⁴And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that *were* with him by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in four companies. ³⁵And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city, and Abimelech rose up, and the people that *were* with him, from the ambush. ³⁶And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul Behold, there come people down from the tops of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as *if they were* men. ³⁷And

Gaal spoke again and said, See there come people down by the middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of Meonenim. ³⁸Then said Zebul unto him, Where is now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him? is not this the people that thou hast despised? go out, I pray now, and fight with them. ³⁹And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech. ⁴⁰And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and many fell wounded, even unto the entrance of the gate.

⁴¹And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

⁴²And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech. ⁴³And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people were come forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them. ⁴⁴And Abimelech, and the companies that were with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city: and the two other companies ran upon all the people that were in the fields, and slew them. ⁴⁵And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that were therein, and beat down the city, and

sowed it with salt.

⁴⁶And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard that, they entered into the hold of the house of the god Berith. ⁴⁷And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together. ⁴⁸And Abimelech got him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that were with him; and Abimelech took an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid it on his shoulder, and said unto the people that were with him, What ye have seen me do, make haste, and do as I have done. ⁴⁹And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

⁵⁰Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it. ⁵¹But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut themselves in, and got them up to the top of the tower. ⁵²And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire. ⁵³And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and broke his skul. ⁵⁴Then he called hastily unto the young man his armour-bearer, and said

unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died. ⁵⁵And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

⁵⁶Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren: ⁵⁷And all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

10 And after Abimelech there arose to defend Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim. ²And he judged Israel twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

³And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years. ⁴And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called Havoth-jair unto this day, which are in the land of Gilead. ⁵And Jair died, and was buried in Camon.

⁶And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Sidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the Lord, and served not him. ⁷And the anger of the Lord

was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon. ⁸And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel: eighteen years, all the children of Israel that were on the other side of the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead. ⁹Moreover the children of Ammon passed over the Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

¹⁰And the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim. ¹¹And the Lord said unto the children of Israel, *Did not I deliver you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?* ¹²The Sidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand. ¹³Yet ye have forsaken me and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more. ¹⁴Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

¹⁵And the children of Israel said unto the Lord, We have sinned: do thou unto us what soever seemeth good unto thee deliver us only, we pray thee this day. ¹⁶And they put away

the strange gods from among them, and served the Lord: and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

¹⁷Then the children of Ammon were gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpah. ¹⁸And the people, the princes of Gilead, said one to another, What man is *he* that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

11 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he *was* the son of a harlot: and Gilead begot Jephthah. ²And Gilead's wife bore him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of a strange woman. ³Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain men to Jephthah, and went out with him.

⁴And it came to pass in process of time, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel. ⁵And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob: ⁶And they said unto Jephthah, Come, and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon. ⁷And Jephthah said unto

the elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress? ⁸And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead. ⁹And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the Lord deliver them before me, shall I be your head? ¹⁰And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The Lord be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words. ¹¹Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words before the Lord in Mizpah.

¹²And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land? ¹³And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon even unto the Jabbok, and unto the Jordan: now therefore restore those *lands* again peaceably.

¹⁴And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the

children of Ammon: ¹⁶And said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon: ¹⁷But when Israel came up from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness unto the Red Sea, and came to Kadesh; ¹⁸Then Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: but the king of Edom would not hearken *there-to*. And in like manner they sent unto the king of Moab: but he would not *consent*: and Israel abode in Kadesh. ¹⁹Then they went along the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of the Arnon, but came not within the border of Moab: for the Arnon *was* the border of Moab. ²⁰And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said unto him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land into my place. ²¹But Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought against Israel. ²²And the Lord God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country. ²³And they possessed all the border of the Amorites, from the Arnon even

unto the Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto the Jordan. ²⁴So now the Lord God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldest thou possess it? ²⁵Wilt not thou possess that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever the Lord our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess. ²⁶And now *art* thou any thing better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them, ²⁷While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that *are* along by the bank of the Arnon, three hundred years? why therefore did ye not recover *them* within that time? ²⁸Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me: the Lord the judge he judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon. ²⁹Yet the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not unto the words of Jephthah which he sent him. ³⁰Then the spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over *unto* the children of Ammon.

³¹And Jephthah vowed unto the Lord, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, ³²Then it shall be, that whatsoever

cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the Lord's, and I will offer it up for a burnt-offering.

²⁸So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the Lord delivered them into his hands. ²⁹And he smote them from Aroer; even till thou come to Minnith, *even* twenty cities, and unto Abel-cheramim, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

³⁴And Jephthah came to Mizpah unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she *was his* only child: besides her he had neither son nor daughter. ³⁵And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and I cannot go back. ³⁶And she said unto him, My father, *if* thou hast opened thy mouth unto the Lord, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the Lord hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, *even* of the children of Ammon. ³⁷And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and be-

wail my virginity, I and my companions. ³⁸And he said, Go. And he sent her away *for* two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains. ³⁹And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her *according* to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man.

And it was a custom in Israel, ⁴⁰*That* the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

12 And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire. ²And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands. ³And when I saw that ye delivered me not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the Lord delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me?

⁴And Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim,

because they said, Ye Gileadites *are* fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, *and* among the Manassites. ^aAnd the Gileadites took the passages of the Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so, that when those Ephraimites that were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, *Art* thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay; ^bThen said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce *it* right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of the Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.

^cAnd Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in *one* of the cities of Gilead.

^dAnd after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. ^eAnd he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, *whom* he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. ^fThen died Ibzan, and was buried at Bethlehem.

^gAnd after him Elon, a Zebulunite, judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years. ^hAnd Elon the Zebulunite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulun.

ⁱAnd after him Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel. ^jAnd he had forty sons and thirty nephews, that

rode on threescore and ten colts: and he judged Israel eight years. ^kAnd Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

13 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

¹And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name *was* Manoah; and his wife *was* barren and bore not. ²And the angel of the Lord appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou *art* barren, and bear not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. ³Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: ⁴For, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come upon his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. ⁵And the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance *was* like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he *was*, neither told he me his name: ⁶But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean

thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

Then Manoah entreated the Lord, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God whom thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born. And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as he sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her. And the woman made haste, and ran, and told her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day. And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am. And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. What shall be the proceeding with the child and his work? And the angel of the Lord said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: I that I commanded her let her observe. And Manoah said unto the angel of the Lord, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until thou shalt have made ready a kid for thee. And the angel of the Lord said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer

a burnt-offering, thou must offer it unto the Lord. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the Lord. And Manoah said unto the angel of the Lord, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour? And the angel of the Lord said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret? So Manoah took a kid with a meal-offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the Lord: and the angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on. For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the Lord ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

And the angel of the Lord did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the Lord. And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God. But his wife said unto him, If the Lord were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt-offering and a meal-offering at our hands, neither would he have shewn us all these things, nor would as at this time have told us such things as these.

And the woman bore a son, and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him. And the spirit of the Lord began to move him at

times in Mahaneh-dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

14 And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines, ²And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife. ³Then his father and his mother said unto him, *Is there* never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well. ⁴But his father and his mother knew not that it *was* of the Lord, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

⁵Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him. ⁶And the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and *he had* nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done. ⁷And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well. ⁸And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion: and, behold, *there*

was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the lion. ⁹And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcass of the lion.

¹⁰So his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used to do young men to do. ¹¹And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him. ¹²And Samson said unto them, I will now propose a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it unto me within the seven days of the feast, I will give ye thirty coverings and thirty changes of garments: ¹³But if ye cannot declare it unto me, then shall ye give me thirty coverings and thirty changes of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it. ¹⁴And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle. ¹⁵And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to possess what we have? *is it not so?* ¹⁶And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me

nd lovest me not: thou hast put
orth a riddle unto the children
f my people, and hast not told
me. And he said unto her, Be-
old, I have not told it my father
or my mother, and shall I tell
thee? ¹⁷And she wept before
him the seven days, while their
fast lasted: and it came to pass
in the seventh day, that he told
her, because she pressed him
ward: and she told the riddle to
the children of her people. ¹⁸And
the men of the city said unto
him on the seventh day before
the sun went down, What is
sweeter than honey? and what is
stronger than a lion? And he
said unto them, If ye had not
played with my heifer, ye had
not found out my riddle.

¹⁹And the spirit of the Lord
came upon him, and he went down
to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men
of them, and took their spoil,
and gave changes of garments
unto them that expounded the
riddle. And his anger was
kindled, and he went up to his
father's house. ²⁰But Samson's
wife was given to his companion,
from whom he had befriended.

5 But it came to pass within
a while after, in the time of
great harvest, that Samson
visited his wife with a kid; and
he said, I will go in to my wife
to the chamber. But her father
would not suffer him to go in.
And her father said, I verily
thought that thou hadst utterly
loved her; therefore I gave her
to thy companion: is not her

younger sister fairer than she?
take her, I pray thee, instead of
her. ²And Samson said unto them,
Now shall I be more blameless
than the Philistines, though I
do them evil. ⁴And Samson went
and caught three hundred foxes,
and took firebrands, and turned
tail to tail, and put a firebrand
in the midst between two tails.
⁵And when he had set the brands
on fire, he let them go into the
standing corn of the Philistines,
and burnt up both the shocks,
and also the standing corn, with
the vineyards and olives. ⁶Then
the Philistines said, Who hath
done this? And they answered,
Samson, the son-in-law of the
Timnite, because he had taken
his wife, and given her to his
companion. And the Philistines
came up, and burnt her and her
father with fire. ⁷And Samson
said unto them, If ye will do this,
I will be avenged of you, and
after that I will cease. ⁸And he
smote them hip and thigh with
a great slaughter: and he went
down and dwelt in the cleft of
the rock Etam.

⁹Then the Philistines went up,
and pitched in Judah, and spread
themselves in Lehi. ¹⁰And the
men of Judah said, Why are ye
come up against us? And they
answered, To bind Samson are
we come up, to do to him as he
hath done to us. ¹¹Then three
thousand men of Judah went
down to the cleft of the rock of
Etam, and said to Samson, Know-
est thou not that the Philistines

are rulers over us? what is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them. ¹²And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves. ¹³And they spoke unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

¹⁴And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands. ¹⁵And he found a fresh jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith. ¹⁶And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men. ¹⁷And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand; and he called that place Ramath-lehi. ¹⁸And he was sore athirst, and called on the Lord, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and

fall into the hand of the uncircumcised? ¹⁹But God clove a hollow place that was in Lehi, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof En-hakkore, which is in Lehi unto this day.

²⁰And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

16 Then went Samson to Gaza and saw there a harlot, and went in unto her. ²And it was told the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him. ³And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and tore them away, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of a hill that is before Hebron.

⁴And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. ⁵And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of them eleven hundred pieces of silver. ⁶And Delilah said to Samson

Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength *lieth*, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee. ⁷And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven fresh cords that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

⁸Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh cords which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. ⁹Now *there were* men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines *are* upon thee, Samson. And he broke the cords, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known.

¹⁰And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound. ¹¹And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were used, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

¹²Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines *are* upon thee, Samson. And *there were* liers-in-wait abiding in the chamber. And he broke them from off his arms like a thread.

¹³And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks

of my head with the web.

¹⁴And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines *are* upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

¹⁵And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart *is* not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength *lieth*. ¹⁶And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; ¹⁷That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I *have been* a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man.

¹⁸And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath told me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand. ¹⁹And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. ²⁰And she said, The Philistines *are* upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times

before, and shake myself. And he knew not that the Lord was departed from him.

²¹And the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison-house. ²²But the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

²³Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand. ²⁴And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, who slew many of us. ²⁵And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison-house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

²⁶And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them. ²⁷Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines *were* there; and *there were* upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport. ²⁸And Samson called unto

the Lord, and said, O Lord God remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be but once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. ²⁹And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and he leaned on them, on the one with his right hand, and on the other with his left. ³⁰And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with *all his might*, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people that *were* therein. So the dead that he slew at his death were more than *they* that he slew in his life.

³¹Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burying place of Manoah his father.

And he judged Israel twenty years.

17 And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah. ²And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred *shekels* of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spokest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the Lord, my son. ³And when he had restored the eleven hundred *shekels* of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the Lord from my hand for my son, (

make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee. ⁴So he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred *shekels* of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah. ⁵And the man Micah had a house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

⁶In those days *there was* no king in Israel, *but* every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

⁷And there was a young man out of Beth-lehem-judah of the family of Judah, who *was* a Levite, and he sojourned there. ⁸And the man departed out of the city from Beth-lehem-judah to sojourn where he could find *a place*: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed. ⁹And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I go to sojourn where I may find *a place*.

¹⁰And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten *shekels* of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in.

¹¹And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons. ¹²And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the

young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. ¹³Then said Micah, Now know I that the Lord will do me good, seeing I have a Levite as *my* priest.

18 In those days *there was* no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day *all their* inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel. ²And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from among them, men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it: and they said unto them, Go, search the land; and they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there. ³When they *were* by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned in thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what doest thou in this *place*? and what hast thou here? ⁴And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his priest. ⁵And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous. ⁶And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before the Lord *is* your way wherein ye go.

⁷Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that *were* therein how

they dwelt in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and secure; and *there was* no one in the land that might injure them in any thing, nor one possessing dominion, and they *were* far from the Sidonians, and had no business with *any* man.

⁸And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol: and their brethren said unto them, What *say* ye? ⁹And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good: and *are* ye still? be not slothful to go, *and* to enter to possess the land. ¹⁰When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath given it into your hands; a place where *there is* no want of any thing that *is* in the earth.

¹¹And there went from thence of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men girded with weapons of war. ¹²And they went up, and pitched in Kirjath-jearim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place Mahaneh-dan unto this day: behold, *it is* behind Kirjath-jearim. ¹³And they passed thence unto mount Ephraim, and came unto the house of Micah.

¹⁴Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, Do ye know that there are in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image,

and a molten image? now therefore consider what ye have to do.

¹⁵And they turned thitherward and came to the house of the young man the Levite, *even* unto the house of Micah, and saluted him. ¹⁶And the six hundred men girded with their weapons of war, who *were* of the children of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate. ¹⁷And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, *and* came in thither, *and* took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image, and the priest stood in the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men *that were* girded with weapons of war. ¹⁸And these went into Micah's house, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image. Then said the priest unto them, What do ye? ¹⁹And they said unto him, Holdest thou peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: *is it* better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel? ²⁰And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people. ²¹So they turned and departed, and put the little one and the cattle and the carriage before them.

²²And when they were a good

way from the house of Micah, the men that *were* in the houses near to Micah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan. ²³And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, What aileth thee, that thou comest with such a company? ²⁴And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away: and what have I more? and what is this that ye say unto me, What aileth thee? ²⁵And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household.

²⁶And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw that they *were* too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house.

²⁷And they took the things which Micah had made, and the priest whom he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people that *were* quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire. ²⁸And *there was* no deliverer, because it *was* far from Sidon, and they had no business with *any* man; and it was in the valley that *lieth* by Beth-rehob.

And they rebuilt the city, and dwelt therein. ²⁹And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: but

the name of the city *was* Laish at the first.

³⁰And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land. ³¹And they set them up Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

19 And it came to pass in those days, when *there was* no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah. ²And his concubine played the harlot against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there four months. ³And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak friendly unto her, and to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father's house: and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him. ⁴And his father-in-law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

⁵And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son-in-law, Comfort thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go

your way. ⁶And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry. ⁷And when the man rose up to depart, his father-in-law urged him: therefore he lodged there again. ⁸And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried until afternoon, and they did eat both of them.

⁹And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father-in-law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the day draweth toward evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to-morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go home. ¹⁰But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against Jebus, which is Jerusalem; and *there were* with him two asses saddled, his concubine also *was* with him.

¹¹And when they *were* by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in into this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it. ¹²And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside hither into the city of a stranger, that is

not of the children of Israel; we will pass over to Gibeah. ¹³And he said unto his servant, Come and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night in Gibeah, or in Ramah.

¹⁴And they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them *when they were* by Gibeah, which *belongeth* to Benjamin. ¹⁵And they turned aside thither, to go in and to lodge in Gibeah: and when he went in, he sat him down in the street of the city: for *there was* no man that took them into his house to lodge. ¹⁶And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at even, and this man was of mount Ephraim and he sojourned in Gibeah: but the men of the place *were* Benjaminites. ¹⁷And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a wayfarin man in the street of the city and the old man said, Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou? ¹⁸And he said unto him, We are passing from Beth-lehem-judah toward the side of mount Ephraim; from thence *am* I: and I went to Beth-lehem-judah, but I *am now* going to the house of the Lord; and there *is* no man that receiveth me to his house. ¹⁹Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy handmaid, and for the young man *that is* with thy servants: *there is* no want of anything. ²⁰And the old man said, Peace be with thee; howsoever

let all thy wants lie upon me; only lodge not in the street. ²¹So he brought him into his house, and gave provender unto the asses: and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

²²Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, wicked people, beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him. ²³And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this villainy. ²⁴Behold, here is my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not so vile a thing.

²⁵But the men would not hearken to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to dawn, they let her go. ²⁶Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was, till it was light.

²⁷And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go

his way: and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were upon the threshold. ²⁸And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But none answered. Then the man took her up upon an ass, and the man rose up, and got him unto his place.

²⁹And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, according to her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the borders of Israel. ³⁰And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day: consider it, take counsel, and speak your minds.

20 Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the Lord in Mizpah. ²And the chief of all the people, even of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword. ³(Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpah.) Then said the children of Israel, Tell us, how was this wickedness?

⁴And the Levite, the husband of the woman that was slain, answered and said, I came into

Gibeah that belongeth to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.

⁵And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night; me they thought to slay, and my concubine they forced, so that she is dead. ⁶And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and villainy in Israel. ⁷Behold, ye *are* all children of Israel; give here your advice and counsel.

⁸And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any of *us* go to his tent, neither will we any of *us* turn into his house. ⁹But now this *shall be* the thing which we will do to Gibeah; *we will go up* by lot against it; ¹⁰And we will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and a hundred of a thousand and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the villainy that they have wrought in Israel.

¹¹So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man. ¹²And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness *is* this that is done among you? ¹³Now therefore deliver *us* the men, the wicked people, that *are* in Gibeah, that we may put them to

death, and put away evil from Israel.

But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel: ¹⁴But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel. ¹⁵And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, *there were* numbered seven hundred chosen men. ¹⁶Among all this people *there were* seven hundred chosen men left-handed; every one could sling stones at a hair breadth, and not miss.

¹⁷And the men of Israel, besides Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these *were* men of war. ¹⁸And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God, and said, Who of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the Lord said, Judah *shall go* up first.

¹⁹And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah. ²⁰And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel put themselves in array to fight against them at Gibeah. ²¹And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the

ground of the Israelites that day twenty and two thousand men. ²²And the people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves, and set their battle again in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first day.

²³(And the children of Israel went up and wept before the Lord until even, and asked counsel of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the Lord said, Go up against him.)

²⁴And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day. ²⁵And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword.

²⁶Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the Lord, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before the Lord. ²⁷And the children of Israel inquired of the Lord, (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days, ²⁸And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the Lord said, Go up;

for to-morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

²⁹And Israel set liers-in-wait round about Gibeah. ³⁰And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times. ³¹And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite of the people, and kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel. ³²And the children of Benjamin said, They are smitten down before us, as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them from the city unto the highways. ³³And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at Baal-tamar: and the liers-in-wait of Israel came forth out of their place, even out of the meadows of Gibeah. ³⁴And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore: but they knew not that evil was near them. ³⁵And the Lord smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty thousand and a hundred men: all these drew the sword.

³⁶So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Israel gave place to the

Benjamites, because they trusted unto the liers-in-wait that they had set beside Gibeah. ³⁷And the liers-in-wait hastened, and rushed upon Gibeah; and the liers-in-wait drew *themselves* along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword.

³⁸Now there was an appointed sign between the men of Israel and the liers-in-wait, that they should make a great cloud of smoke rise up out of the city. ³⁹And when the men of Israel retired in the battle, Benjamin began to smite *and* kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons: for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as *in* the first battle. ⁴⁰But when the cloud began to arise up out of the city in a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and behold, the whole city ascended up *in flames* to heaven. ⁴¹And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed: for they saw that evil was come upon them. ⁴²Therefore they turned *their backs* before the men of Israel unto the way of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them; and them that *came* out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them. ⁴³Thus they inclosed the Benjamites round about, *and* chased them, *and* drove them from their place of refuge to the place over against Gibeah toward the sunrising. ⁴⁴And there fell of Benjamin eighteen

thousand men; all these *were* men of valour.

⁴⁵And they turned and fled to ward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highway five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them. ⁴⁶So that all that fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these *were* men of valour. ⁴⁷But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months.

⁴⁸And the men of Israel turned again upon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of *every* city, as the beasts and all that was found; also the cities which were found *there* they set on fire.

21 Now the men of Israel have sworn in Mizpah, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin for a wife. ²And the people came to the house of God, and abode there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore. ³And said, O Lord God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to-day one tribe lacking in Israel?

⁴And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. ⁵And the children of Israel said, Who is *there*

among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the Lord? For they had taken a great oath concerning him that came not up to the Lord to Mizpah, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

⁹And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day. ¹⁰How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the Lord that we will not give them of our daughters to wives? ¹¹And they said, What one is *there* of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpah to the Lord? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly. ¹²For the people were numbered, and, behold, *there was* none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there.

¹³And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the bravest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children. ¹⁴And this is the thing that ye shall do, Ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that hath known man by lying with him.

¹⁵And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred young virgins, that had known no man by lying with him: and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

¹⁶And the whole congregation sent *some* to speak to the children of Benjamin that *were* in the rock Rimmon, and proclaimed peace unto them. ¹⁷And Benjamin came again at that time; and they gave them wives whom they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead: and yet they sufficed them not.

¹⁸And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the Lord had made a breach in the tribes of Israel. ¹⁹Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin? ²⁰And they said, *There must be* an inheritance for them that are escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel. ²¹But we may not give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed *be* he that giveth a wife to Benjamin. ²²Then they said, Behold, *there is* a feast of the Lord in Shiloh yearly in a *place* which is on the north side of Beth-el, on the east side of the highway that goeth up from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.

²³Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards; ²⁴And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go

to the land of Benjamin. ²²And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, Grant them unto us: because we took not for each man his wife in the war: neither did ye give them unto them, that ye should now be guilty.

²³And the children of Benjamin did so, and took *them* wives, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught: and they went and re-

turned unto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.

²⁴And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance.

²⁵In those days *there was* no king in Israel: every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

שמואל א

FIRST SAMUEL

1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite: ²And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. ³And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the Lord of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the Lord, were there. ⁴And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: ⁵But unto Hannah he gave a double portion; for he loved Hannah: but the Lord had shut up her womb. ⁶And her rival also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the Lord had shut up her womb. ⁷And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. ⁸Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy

heart grieved? *am* not I better to thee than ten sons?

⁹And Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by the door-post of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore. ¹¹And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man-child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

¹²And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli watched her mouth. ¹³Now Hannah, she spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she was drunken: ¹⁴And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. ¹⁵And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I *am* a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul be-

fore the Lord. ¹⁶Count not thine handmaid for a wicked woman: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto. ¹⁷Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy petition that thou hast asked of him. ¹⁸And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight.

So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more *sad*. ¹⁹And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰And it came to pass, when the time was come about, that Hannah conceived, and bore a son; and she called his name Samuel, *saying*, Because I have asked him of the Lord.

²¹And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. ²²But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord, and there abide for ever*. ²³And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the Lord establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

²⁴And when she had weaned

him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the Lord in Shiloh: and the child *was* young. ²⁵And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I *am* the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord. ²⁷For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath granted me my petition which I asked of him: ²⁸Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there.

2 And Hannah prayed, and said,

My heart rejoiceth in the Lord, mine horn is exalted in the Lord: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.

²*There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none besides thee: neither is there any rock like our God.*

³Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let *not* arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

⁴The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength

⁵*They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath borne seven; and*

she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

⁶The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

⁷The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

⁸He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set *them* among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth *are* the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them.

⁹He will guard the feet of his pious ones, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

¹⁰The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall be thunder upon them: the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

¹¹And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the Lord before Eli the priest.

¹²Now the sons of Eli *were* wicked men; they knew not the Lord. ¹³And the priest's custom with the people *was, that*, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a flesh-hook of three teeth in his hand; ¹⁴And he struck *it* into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the flesh-hook brought up the priest took for himself.

So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

¹⁵Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw. ¹⁶And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and *then* take *as much* as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, *Nay*; but thou shalt give *it me* now: and if not, I will take *it* by force. ¹⁷Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord: for men abhorred the offering of the Lord.

¹⁸But Samuel ministered before the Lord, *being* a child girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁹Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought *it* to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The Lord give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the Lord. And they went unto their own home. ²¹And the Lord visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bore three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the Lord.

²²Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ²³And he said unto them, Why do ye such things?

for I hear of your evil dealings from all this people. ²⁴Nay, my sons; for *it is* no good report that I hear: ye make the Lord's people to transgress. ²⁵If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the Lord, who shall entreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the Lord would slay them.

²⁶And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the Lord, and also with men.

²⁷And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? ²⁸And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

²⁹Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in *my* habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? ³⁰Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed *that* thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly es-

teemed. ³¹Behold, the days come that I will cut off thine arm and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. ³²And thou shalt see an enemy in *my* habitation, in all *the* wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever. ³³And no man shall I cut off mine altar, to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in man's age. ³⁴And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them. ³⁵And I will raise me up a faithful priest, *that* shall do according to *the* which *is* in mine heart and my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall wax before mine anointed for ever. ³⁶And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch before him for a piece of silver and morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

3 And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; *there was* no frequent vision.

²And it came to pass at that time, when Eli *was* lying down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, *that* he could not see; ³And the lamp of God was

not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was; ¹That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here *am* I. ²And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

³And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

⁴Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord yet revealed unto him.

⁵And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child. ⁶Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord: for thy servant heareth.

⁷So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ⁸And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth. ⁹And the Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. ¹⁰In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken

concerning his house: from beginning to end. ¹¹For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. ¹²And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

¹³And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel feared to tell Eli of the vision. ¹⁴Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here *am* I. ¹⁵And he said, What is the thing that the Lord hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide *any* thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee. ¹⁶And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the Lord: let him do what seemeth him good.

¹⁷And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. ¹⁸And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord. ¹⁹And the Lord appeared again in Shiloh: for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

4 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.

Now Israel went out against

the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Eben-ezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek. ²And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when the battle was spread, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men. ³And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the Lord smitten us to-day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

⁴So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the Lord of hosts, who dwelleth *between* the cherubim: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were* there with the ark of the covenant of God. ⁵And when the ark of the covenant of the Lord came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again. ⁶And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What *meaneth* the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the Lord was come into the camp. ⁷And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore. ⁸Woe unto us! who

shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these *a* the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness. ⁹Be strong, and men, O ye Philistines, that ye not servants unto the Hebrew as they have been to you: men, and fight.

¹⁰And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent, and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. ¹¹And the ark of God was taken, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

¹²And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head. ¹³And when he came to Shiloh, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told *it*, all the city cried out. ¹⁴And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What *meaneth* the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli. ¹⁵Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see. ¹⁶And the man said unto Eli, *Am* he that came out of the army, and I fled to-day out of the army? And he said, What was there to matter, my son? ¹⁷And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great

slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

¹⁸And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck broke, and he died: for he was an old man, and he was weary.

And he had judged Israel forty years.

¹⁹And his daughter-in-law Phinehas' wife, was with child, *near* to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and gave birth, for her pains came upon her. ²⁰And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast borne a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it. ²¹And she named the child I-chabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father-in-law and her husband. ²²And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

5 And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-ezer unto Ashdod. ¹When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. ²And when they of Ashdod arose early on the mor-

row, behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the Lord. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. ⁴And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands *were* cut off upon the threshold; only *the stump* of Dagon was left to him. ⁵Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

⁶But the hand of the Lord was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with piles, *even* Ashdod, and the borders thereof. ⁷And when the men of Ashdod saw that it *was* so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.

⁸They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about *thither*.

⁹And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the Lord was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they

had piles in their secret parts.
¹⁰Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron.

And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people. ¹¹So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to its own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there. ¹²And the men that died not were smitten with the piles: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

6 And the ark of the Lord was in the country of the Philistines seven months. ²And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the Lord? tell us wherewith we shall send it to its place. ³And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass-offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you. ⁴Then said they, What *shall be* the trespass-offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden piles, and five golden mice, *according to* the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague *was*

on you all, and on your lord. ⁵Wherefore ye shall make image of your piles, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you and, from off your gods, and from off your land. ⁶Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed? ⁷Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which they hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring the calves home from them: ⁸And take the ark of the Lord, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass-offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go. ⁹And see, if it goeth up by the way of its own border to Beth-shemesh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that *it is not his hand that smote us; it was chance that happened to us.*

¹⁰And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart and shut up the calves at home: ¹¹And they laid the ark of the Lord upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their piles. ¹²And the kine took the straight way to the way of Beth-shemesh and went along the highway

lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Beth-shemesh.

¹³And they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it. ¹⁴And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Beth-shemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clove the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt-offering unto the Lord. ¹⁵And the Levites took down the ark of the Lord, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt-offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the Lord.

¹⁶And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

¹⁷And these are the golden piles which the Philistines returned for a trespass-offering unto the Lord; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one; ¹⁸And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fortified cities, and of country villages, even unto the great stone of Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the Lord: which stone remaineth unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Beth-shemite.

¹⁹And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the Lord, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the Lord had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter. ²⁰And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God? and to whom shall it go up from us?

²¹And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought back the ark of the Lord; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.

7 And the men of Kirjath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the Lord, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the Lord.

²And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord. ³And Samuel spoke unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

⁴Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the Lord only. ⁵And Samuel said, Gather all Israel

to Mizpah, and I will pray for you unto the Lord.

⁹And they gathered together to Mizpah, and drew water, and poured *it* out before the Lord, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the Lord.

And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpah.

⁷And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard *it*, they were afraid of the Philistines. ⁸And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

⁹And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered *it* for a burnt-offering wholly unto the Lord: and Samuel cried unto the Lord for Israel; and the Lord heard him.

¹⁰And as Samuel was offering up the burnt-offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the Lord thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel. ¹¹And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until *they* came under Beth-car.

¹²Then Samuel took a stone, and set *it* between Mizpah and Shen,

and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

¹³So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the border of Israel: and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. ¹⁴And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the border thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines.

And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

¹⁵And Samuel judged Israel the days of his life.

¹⁶And he went from year to year in circuit to Beth-el, and Gilgal, and Mizpah, and judged Israel in all those places. ¹⁷At his return *was* to Ramah; *there* *was* his house; and *there* he judged Israel; and *there* he built an altar unto the Lord.

8 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made

his sons judges over Israel. ²Now the name of his first-born was Joel; and the name of his second Abiah: *they* were judges in Beersheba. ³And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

⁴Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah. ⁵And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king

to judge us like all the nations.

⁶But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord. ⁷And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. ⁸According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. ⁹Now therefore hearken unto their voice: nevertheless protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

¹⁰And Samuel told all the words of the Lord unto the people that asked of him a king. ¹¹And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots. ¹²And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and *will set them* to plow his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. ¹³And he will take your daughters *to be* confectionaries, and *to be* cooks, and *to be* bakers. ¹⁴And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your

oliveyards, *even* the best of *them*, and give *them* to his servants. ¹⁵And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. ¹⁶And he will take your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put *them* to his work. ¹⁷He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants. ¹⁸And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king whom ye shall have chosen you; and the Lord will not hear you in that day.

¹⁹Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; ²⁰That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

²¹And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the Lord. ²²And the Lord said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king.

And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

9 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name *was* Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power. ²And he had a son, whose name *was* Saul, a choice young man, and

goodly: and *there was* not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward *he was* higher than any of the people.

⁹And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.

¹⁰And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found *them* not: then they passed through the land of Shaalim, and *there they were* not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found *them* not. ¹¹And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that *was* with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave *caring* for the asses, and become anxious for us. ¹²And he said unto him, Behold now, *there is* in this city a man of God, and *he is* an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go. ¹³Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, *if* we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and *there is* not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we? ¹⁴And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: *that* will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

⁹(Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God thus he spoke, Come, and let us go to the seer: for *he that* is now called a Prophet was before time called a Seer.)

¹⁰Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God *was*. ¹¹And as they went up the hill to the city they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here? ¹²And they answered them, and said He is; behold, *he is* before you make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for *there is* a sacrifice of the people to-day in the high place: ¹³As soon as ye are come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat; for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; and afterwards they eat that are bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him.

¹⁴And they went up into the city: and when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place. ¹⁵Now the Lord had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying ¹⁶To-morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be chief over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked

upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.

¹⁷And when Samuel saw Saul, the Lord said unto him, Behold the man whom I spoke to thee of! this same shall reign over my people. ¹⁸Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is. ¹⁹And Samuel answered Saul, and said, *I am the seer*. Go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to-day, and to-morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart. ²⁰And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? *Is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house?* ²¹And Saul answered and said, *Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me?*

²²And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, who *were* about thirty persons. ²³And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee. ²⁴And the cook took up the shoulder, and *that* which *was* upon it, and set it before Saul. (And Samuel said, Behold that which is left! set it before thee,

and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people.)

So Saul did eat with Samuel that day. ²⁵And when they were come down from the high place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul upon the top of the house.

²⁶And they arose early: and it came to pass about the dawn of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad. ²⁷And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still a while, that I may make known to thee the word of God.

10 Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, *Is it not because the Lord hath anointed thee to be chief over his inheritance?* ²When thou art departed from me to-day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son? ³Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee

three men going up to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine: *4*And they will salute thee, and give thee two *loaves* of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands. *5*After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where *is* the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy: *6*And the spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. *7*And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, *that* thou do as occasion serve thee; for God *is* with thee. *8*And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt-offerings, *and* to sacrifice sacrifices of peace-offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

*9*And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day. *10*And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. *11*And it came to

pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, I prophesied among the prophet then the people said one to another, What *is* this *that* is come unto the son of Kish? *Is* Saul also among the prophets? *12*And one of the same place answered and said, But who *is* their father? Therefore it became a proverb *Is* Saul also among the prophets? *13*And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

*14*And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To see the asses: and when we saw that *they were* nowhere, we came to Samuel. *15*And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you. *16*And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plain that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom whereof Samuel spoke, he told him not.

*17*And Samuel called the people together unto the Lord to Mizpah; *18*And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all the kingdoms that oppress you: *19*And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, *Nay*, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before

the Lord by your tribes, and by your thousands.

¹⁹And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken. ²⁰When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found. ²¹Therefore they inquired of the Lord further, if the man should yet come thither. And the Lord answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the vessels. ²²And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

²³And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the Lord hath chosen, that *there is none like him among all the people*? And all the people shouted, and said, Long live the king.

²⁴Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the Lord. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

²⁵And Saul also went home to Gibeah: and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched. ²⁶But the wicked people said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.

11 Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped a-

gainst Jabesh-gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee. ²And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this *condition* will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it *for* a reproach upon all Israel. ³And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the borders of Israel: and then, if *there be* no man to save us, we will come out to thee.

⁴Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept. ⁵And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What *aileth* the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh. ⁶And the spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly. ⁷And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent *them* throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the Lord fell on the people, and they came out as one man. ⁸And when he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

⁹And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, To-morrow, by *the time* the sun is hot, ye shall have help.

And the messengers came and told *it* to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad. ¹⁰Therefore the men of Jabesh said, To-morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you.

¹¹And it was *so* on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they that remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

¹²And the people said unto Samuel, Who *is* he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death. ¹³And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to-day the Lord hath wrought salvation in Israel.

¹⁴Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there. ¹⁵And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace-offerings before the Lord; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

12 And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that

ye said unto me, and have made a king over you. ²And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and gray headed; and, behold, my sons *are* with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day. ³Behold, here I *am* witness against me before the Lord, and before his anointed whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received *any* bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

⁴And they said, Thou hast no defrauded us, nor oppressed us neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand. ⁵And he said unto them, The Lord is witness against you, and his anointed *is* witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, *He is* witness.

⁶And Samuel said unto the people, *It is* the Lord that advanced Moses and Aaron, and thou brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. ⁷Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the Lord of all the righteous acts of the Lord which he did to you and to your fathers. ⁸When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your father cried unto the Lord, then the Lord sent Moses and Aaron, who brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place. ⁹And when they forgot the Lord their God, he

sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them. ¹⁰And they cried unto the Lord, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee. ¹¹And the Lord sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe. ¹²And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the Lord your God *was* your king. ¹³Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, the Lord hath set a king over you. ¹⁴If ye will fear the Lord, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the Lord your God: ¹⁵But if ye will not obey the voice of the Lord, but rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall the hand of the Lord be against you, *as it was* against your fathers. ¹⁶Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the Lord will do before your eyes. ¹⁷*Is it* not wheat harvest to-day? I will

call unto the Lord, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness *is* great, which ye have done in the sight of the Lord, in asking you a king.

¹⁸So Samuel called unto the Lord; and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel. ¹⁹And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the Lord thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask us a king. ²⁰And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart; ²¹And turn ye not aside: for *then should ye go after vain things*, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they *are* vain. ²²For the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people. ²³Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: ²⁴Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great *things* he hath done for you. ²⁵But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

13 Saul was . . . years old when he became king; and when he had reigned two years over Israel, ²Saul chose him three

thousand *men* of Israel; *whereof* two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

³And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that *was* in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear. ⁴And all Israel heard say *that* Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and also that Israel was now in bad odor with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal. ⁵And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the seashore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Beth-aven.

⁶When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits. ⁷And *some* of the Hebrews went over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he *was* yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

⁸And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel *had appointed*: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the

people were scattered from him.

⁹And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt-offering to me, and peace-offerings. And he offered the burnt-offering. ¹⁰And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him. ¹¹And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and *that* thou camest not within the days appointed, and *that* the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash; ¹²Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the Lord: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt-offering. ¹³And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the Lord have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. ¹⁴But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart and the Lord hath commanded him to be chief over his people because thou hast not kept *that* which the Lord commanded thee.

¹⁵And Samuel arose, and go him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people *that were* present with him, about six hundred men. ¹⁶And Saul, and Jonathan his

son, and the people *that were* present with them, abode in Geba of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash. ¹⁷And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way *that leadeth to Ophrah*, unto the land of Shual: ¹⁸And another company turned the way to Beth-horon: and another company turned to the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

¹⁹Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make *them* swords or spears: ²⁰But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coultter, and his axe, and his mattock. ²¹Yet they had a file for the matlocks, and for the coulters, and for the three-pronged forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads. ²²So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that *were* with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.

²³And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

14 Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bore his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines'

garrison, that *is* on the other side. But he told not his father. ²And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people that *were* with him *were* about six hundred men; ³And Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, I-chabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the Lord's priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

⁴And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, *there was* a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one *was* Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. ⁵The forefront of the one situated northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Geba.

⁶And Jonathan said to the young man that bore his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the Lord will work for us: for *there is* no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few. ⁷And his armour-bearer said unto him, Do all that *is* in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I *am* with thee according to thy heart. ⁸Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto *these* men, and we will disclose ourselves unto them. ⁹If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will

not go up unto them. ¹⁰But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the Lord hath delivered them into our hand: and this *shall be* a sign unto us.

¹¹And both of them disclosed themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves. ¹²And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armour-bearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armour-bearer, Come up after me: for the Lord hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.

¹³And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armour-bearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armour-bearer slew after him. ¹⁴And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armour-bearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were half an acre of land, *which a yoke of oxen might plow*. ¹⁵And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was a very great trembling.

¹⁶And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down *one another*. ¹⁷Then said

Saul unto the people that *were* with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armour-bearer *were not there*. ¹⁸And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.

¹⁹And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that *was* in the host of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand. ²⁰And Saul and all the people that *were* with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, *and there was* a very great discomfiture.

²¹Moreover the Hebrews *that were* with the Philistines before that time, that went up with them into the camp *from the country* round about, even they also *turned* to be with the Israelites that *were* with Saul and Jonathan. ²²Likewise all the men of Israel that had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, *when* they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle. ²³So the Lord saved Israel that day:

And the battle passed over unto Beth-aven. ²⁴And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed *be* the man that eateth *any* food until evening,

that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted *any* food.

²⁵And all *they* of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground. ²⁶And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath. ²⁷But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that *was* in his hand, and dipped it in a honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes brightened. ²⁸Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed *be* the man that eateth *any* food this day. And the people were faint. ²⁹Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have brightened, because I tasted a little of this honey. ³⁰How much more, if the people had eaten freely to-day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

³¹And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint. ³²And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew *them* on the ground: and the people did eat *them* with the blood.

³³Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the Lord in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day. ³⁴And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay *them* here, and eat; and sin not against the Lord in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew *them* there.

³⁵And Saul built an altar unto the Lord: the same was the first altar that he built unto the Lord.

³⁶And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God. ³⁷And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day. ³⁸And Saul said, Draw ye near hither, all the chief of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day. ³⁹For, *as* the Lord liveth, who saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But *there was* not a man among all the people that answered him. ⁴⁰Then said he unto

all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee. ⁴¹Therefore Saul said unto the Lord God of Israel, Give a perfect *lot*. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people escaped. ⁴²And Saul said, Cast *lots* between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken. ⁴³Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that *was* in mine hand, *and*, lo, I must die. ⁴⁴And Saul answered, God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan. ⁴⁵And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: *as* the Lord liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

⁴⁶Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

⁴⁷So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed *them*. ⁴⁸And he gathered a host, and smote the

Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

⁴⁹Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishvi, and Malchishua: and the names of his two daughters *were these*; the name of the first-born Merab, and the name of the younger Michal: ⁵⁰And the name of Saul's wife *was* Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his host *was* Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. ⁵¹And Kish *was* the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner *was* the son of Abiel.

⁵²And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

15 Samuel also said unto Saul, The Lord sent me to anoint thee *to be* king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the Lord. ²Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I remember *that* which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid *wait* for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. ³Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

⁴And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. ⁵And Saul came to a

city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley. ⁴And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

⁷And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah *until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt.* ⁸And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. ⁹But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all *that was good*, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing *that was vile* and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

¹⁰Then came the word of the Lord unto Samuel, saying, ¹¹It repenteth me that I have set up Saul *to be king*: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the Lord all night. ¹²And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal. ¹³And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the Lord: I have performed the command-

ment of the Lord. ¹⁴And Samuel said, What *meaneth* then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? ¹⁵And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. ¹⁶Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the Lord hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

¹⁷And Samuel said, When thou *wast* little in thine own sight, *wast* thou not *made* the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel? ¹⁸And the Lord sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. ¹⁹Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the Lord, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the Lord? ²⁰And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and have gone the way which the Lord sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. ²¹But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal. ²²And Samuel said, Hath the Lord *as great* delight in burnt-offerings

and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.

²³For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and image-worship. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

²⁴And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. ²⁵Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the Lord. ²⁶And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.

²⁷And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. ²⁸And Samuel said unto him, The Lord hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, *that is* better than thou. ²⁹And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent. ³⁰Then he said, I have sinned: *yet* honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the Lord thy God. ³¹So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the Lord.

³²Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him in chains. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. ³³And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal.

³⁴Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: for Samuel mourned for Saul: and the Lord repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

16 And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. ²And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear *it*, he will kill me. And the Lord said, Take a heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the Lord. ³And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee.

⁴And Samuel did that which the Lord spoke, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town hastened to meet him, and said, Peace to thee at thy coming! ⁵And he said, Peace: I am

sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

⁶And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Ellab, and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him. ⁷But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the Lord seeth not as man seeth*; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this. ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this. ¹⁰Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these. ¹¹And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. ¹²And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look at. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he. ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the Lord came

ward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

¹⁴But the spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him. ¹⁵And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. ¹⁶Let our Lord now command thy servants, *that are* before thee, to seek out a man, *who is* a cunning player on a harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. ¹⁷And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring *him* to me. ¹⁸Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, *that is* cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the Lord *is* with him.

¹⁹Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, who *is* with the sheep. ²⁰And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent *them* by David his son unto Saul. ²¹And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armour-bearer. ²²And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.

²³And it came to pass, when the

evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took a harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

17 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which *belongeth* to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.

²And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. ³And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and *there was* a valley between them. ⁴And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines named Goliath, of Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span. ⁵And *he had* a helmet of brass upon his head, and he *was* armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of brass. ⁶And *he had* greaves of brass upon his legs, and a javelin of brass between his shoulders. ⁷And the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

⁸And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out

to set *your* battle in array? *am* not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. ⁹If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. ¹⁰And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

¹¹When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

¹²Now David *was* the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name *was* Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man *was* old in the days of Saul, advanced *in years* among men. ¹³And the three eldest sons of Jesse went *and* followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle *were* Eliab the first-born, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. ¹⁴And David *was* the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul. ¹⁵But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Beth-lehem.

¹⁶And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

¹⁷And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and

run to the camp to thy brethren; ¹⁸And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of *their* thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

¹⁹Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, *were* in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

²⁰And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the enclosure of the camp, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle. ²¹For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army. ²²And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and greeted his brethren. ²³And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spoke according to the same words: and David heard *them*.

²⁴And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. ²⁵And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, *that* the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.

²⁶And David spoke to the men

that stood by him, saying, *what* shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and *take*th away the reproach from Israel? for who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? ²⁷And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

²⁸And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spoke unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. ²⁹And David said, What have I now done? *Was it* not but talk? ³⁰And he turned from him toward another, and spoke after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

³¹And when the words were heard which David spoke, they rehearsed *them* before Saul: and he sent for him. ³²And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. ³³And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. ³⁴And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep,

and there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: ³⁵And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered *it* out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught *him* by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. ³⁶Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of the Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee.

³⁸And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put a helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹And David girded his sword upon his armour, and assayed to go; for he had not tried *it*. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not tried *them*. And David put them off him. ⁴⁰And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

⁴¹And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bore the shield *went* before him. ⁴²And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he

was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. ⁴³And the Philistine said unto David, *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. ⁴⁵Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. ⁴⁶This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give thee the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands.

⁴⁸And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹And David put his hand in his bag and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sank into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

⁵⁰So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with

a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but *there was* no sword in the hand of David. ¹¹Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the ~~sheath~~ thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith.

And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. ¹²And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou comest to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way of Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron. ¹³And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

¹⁴And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

¹⁵And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell. ¹⁶And the king said, Inquire thou whose son the stripling is.

¹⁷And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. ¹⁸And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David answered, *I am* the son of thy

servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite.

18 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. ²And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. ³Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. ⁴And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that *was* upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

⁵And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and he succeeded: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

⁶And it came to pass as they came, when David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of music. ⁷And the women answered *one another* as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands. ⁸And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *but* thousands: and *what* can he have more but the kingdom? ⁹And Saul looked askance

at David from that day and forward.

¹⁰And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he raved in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as on other days: and *there was* a javelin in Saul's hand. ¹¹And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall *with it*. And David escaped from his presence twice.

¹²And Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saul.

¹³Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. ¹⁴And David succeeded in all his ways; and the Lord *was* with him. ¹⁵And when Saul saw that he succeeded greatly, he was afraid of him.

¹⁶But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

¹⁷And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the Lord's battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him. ¹⁸And David said unto Saul, Who *am* I? and what *is* my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?

¹⁹But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David,

that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

²⁰And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. ²¹And Saul said, I will give him her that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son-in-law by *the other of* the two. ²²And Saul commanded his servants, *saying*, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son-in-law.

²³And Saul's servants spoke those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you *a light thing* to be a king's son-in-law, seeing that I *am* a poor man, and lightly esteemed? ²⁴And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spoke David. ²⁵And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. ²⁶And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son-in-law: and the days were not expired. ²⁷Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full to the king:

that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

²⁸And Saul saw and knew that the Lord *was* with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him. ²⁹And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

³⁰Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David succeeded more than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was highly esteemed.

19 And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. ²But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning and abide in a secret *place*, and hide thyself. ³And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou *art*, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

⁴And Jonathan spoke good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works *have been* very good towards thee: ⁵For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the Lord wrought a great salvation for all

Israel: thou sawest *it*, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause? ⁶And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul swore, As the Lord liveth, he shall not be slain.

⁷And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all those words. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

⁸And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.

⁹And the evil spirit from the Lord was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with *his* hand. ¹⁰And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

¹¹Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to-night, to-morrow thou shalt be slain. ¹²So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. ¹³And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goat's *hair* at the head thereof, and covered it with a cloth. ¹⁴And

when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He *is* sick.

¹⁵And Saul sent the messengers *again* to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. ¹⁶And when the messengers came in, behold, *there was* an image in the bed, with a pillow of goat's hair at the head thereof. ¹⁷And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

¹⁸So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

¹⁹And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David *is* at Naioth in Ramah.

²⁰And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. ²¹And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

²²Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, *they are* at Naioth in Ramah.

²³And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. ²⁴And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, *is* Saul also among the prophets?

20 And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life? ²And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will disclose it to me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so. ³And David swore moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, *there is* but a step between me and death. ⁴Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee. ⁵And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to-morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king to eat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even. ⁶If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked

leave of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city: for *there* is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family. ¹If he say thus, *It is well*; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, *then* be sure that evil is determined by him. ²Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the Lord with thee: but if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father? ³And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee? ⁴Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly? ⁵And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field.

And they went out both of them into the field. ⁶And Jonathan said unto David, O Lord God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to-morrow any time, *or the third day*, and, behold, *if* he be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and disclose it unto thee; ⁷The Lord do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will disclose it unto thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the Lord be with thee, as he hath been with my father. ⁸And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the

kindness of the Lord, that I die not: ⁹But *also* thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the Lord hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.

¹⁰So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, *saying*, Let the Lord even require it at the hand of David's enemies. ¹¹And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul. ¹²Then Jonathan said to David, To-morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty. ¹³And *when* thou hast stayed three days, *then* thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel. ¹⁴And I will shoot three arrows on the side *thereof*, as though I shot at a mark. ¹⁵And, behold, I will send a lad, *saying*, Go, find the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows *are* on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for *there is* peace to thee, and no hurt; *as* the Lord liveth. ¹⁶But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows *are* beyond thee; go thy way: for the Lord hath sent thee away. ¹⁷And *as touching* the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the Lord *be* between thee and me for ever.

¹⁸So David hid himself in the

field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to the meal to eat. ²⁵And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, *even* upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty. ²⁶Nevertheless Saul spoke not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean.

²⁷And it came to pass on the morrow, *which was* the second day of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to the meal, neither yesterday, nor to-day? ²⁸And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked *leave* of me *to go* to Beth-lehem: ²⁹And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me *to be there*: and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table. ³⁰Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious *woman*, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own shame, and unto the shame of thy mother's nakedness? ³¹For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the earth, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he is worthy

of death. ³²And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he slain? what hath he done? ³³And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined by his father to slay David. ³⁴Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no food the second day of the month for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

³⁵And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him. ³⁶And he said unto his lad, Run, find now the arrows which I shoot. And when the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. ³⁷And when the king was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, *Is* not the arrow beyond thee? ³⁸And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, hasten, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master. ³⁹But the lad knew nothing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter. ⁴⁰And Jonathan gave his weapons unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry *them* to the city. ⁴¹And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another

ntil David exceeded. ⁴²And Jonathan said to David, Go in ease, forasmuch as we have vorn both of us in the name of the Lord, saying, The Lord be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever.

1 And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

²Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech hastened to meet David, and said unto him, Why art thou here, and no man with thee? And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business where-out I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to watch and such a place. ³Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present. ⁴And the priest answered David, and said, *There is common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; the young men have kept themselves at least from women.* ⁵And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came hither, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and *the bread is of a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel.* ⁶So the priest gave him

hallowed bread: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the Lord, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

⁷Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the Lord; and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul.

⁸And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business was pressing. ⁹And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for *there is no other save that here.* And David said, *There is none like that; give it me.*

¹⁰And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

¹¹And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands? ¹²And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath. ¹³And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scribbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down

upon his beard. ¹⁵Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore *then* have ye brought him to me? ¹⁶Have I need of madmen, that ye have brought this *fellow* to play the madman in my presence? shall this *fellow* come into my house?

22 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave of Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard *it*, they went down thither to him. ²And every one *that was* in distress, and every one *that was* in debt, and every one *that was* discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

³And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, *and be* with you, till I know what God will do for me. ⁴And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the stronghold.

⁵And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the stronghold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hereth.

⁶When Saul heard that David *was* discovered, and the men that *were* with him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a tree in Ra-

mah, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants *were* standing about him') ⁷Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Berjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, *and* make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds? ⁸That all of you have conspired against me, and *there is* none that discloseth to me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and *there is* none of you that is sorry for me, or discloseth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait as at this day? ⁹Then answered Doeg the Edomite, who was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. ¹⁰And he inquired of the Lord for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

¹¹Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house the priests that *were* in Nob, and they came all of them to the king. ¹²And Saul said, Hear now thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I *am*, my lord. ¹³And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, that thou hast given him bread and a sword, and hast inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait as at this day? ¹⁴Then Ahimelech

answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, who is the king's son-in-law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house? ¹⁵Did I to-day begin to inquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute *any* thing unto his servant, *nor* to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more. ¹⁶And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house.

¹⁷And the king said unto the footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the Lord; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not disclose it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the Lord. ¹⁸And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.

¹⁹And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

²⁰And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. ²¹And Abiathar told David that Saul had slain the Lord's

priests. ²²And David said unto Abiathar, I knew it that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned the death of all the persons of thy father's house. ²³Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt be in safe-guard.

23 Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshing-floors. ²Therefore David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the Lord said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah. ³And David's men said unto him, Behold, we are afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines? ⁴Then David inquired of the Lord yet again. And the Lord answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand. ⁵So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

⁶And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand.

⁷And it was told Saul that Da-

vid was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars. ⁸And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

⁹And David knew that Saul secretly devised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod. ¹⁰Then said David, O Lord God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. ¹¹Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O Lord God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the Lord said, He will come down. ¹²Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the Lord said, They will deliver *thee* up. ¹³Then David and his men, *who were* about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbore to go forth.

¹⁴And David abode in the wilderness in strongholds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand. ¹⁵And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David

was in the wilderness of Ziph a wood.

¹⁶And Jonathan Saul's son rose, and went to David into wood, and strengthened his hand in God. ¹⁷And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of S my father shall not find thee, and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth. ¹⁸And they two made a covenant before the Lord: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

¹⁹Then came up the Ziphites Saul to Gibeah, saying, Behold David hideth himself with us in strongholds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon? ²⁰Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him into the king's hand. ²¹And Saul said, Blessed be ye of the Lord; for ye have compassed on me. ²²Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and his place where his haunt is, and who hath seen him there, for it is told me *that* he deal very subtly. ²³See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with certainty, and I will go with you, and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will send him out throughout all the thousands of Judah. ²⁴And they arose and went to Ziph before Saul, but David and his men were

the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.

²¹Saul also and his men went to seek *him*. And they told David: wherefore he came down to the rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul *heard that*, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.

²²And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them. ²³But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land.

²⁴Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore *they* called that place Sela-hammahlekoth. ²⁵And David went up from thence, and dwelt in strongholds at En-gedi.

24 And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David *is* in the wilderness of En-gedi. ²Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. ³And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where *was* a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave. ⁴And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day

of which the Lord said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.

⁵And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt. ⁶And he said unto his men, The Lord forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he *is* the anointed of the Lord. ⁷So David stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on *his* way.

⁸David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself. ⁹And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt? ¹⁰Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the Lord had delivered thee to-day into mine hand in the cave: and *some* bade *me* kill thee: but *mine eye* spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he *is* the Lord's anointed. ¹¹Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou

and see that *there is* neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it. ¹²The Lord judge between me and thee, and the Lord avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee. ¹³As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee. ¹⁴After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea. ¹⁵The Lord therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thine hand.

¹⁶And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, *Is this thy voice, my son David?* And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. ¹⁷And he said to David, *Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.* ¹⁸And thou hast shewn this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the Lord had delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not. ¹⁹For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the Lord reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day. ²⁰And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand. ²¹Swear now therefore unto me

by the Lord, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house. ²²And David swore unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men got them up unto the stronghold.

25 And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran. ²And *there was* a man in Maon whose possessions *were* in Carmel; and the man *was* very great and he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats: and he *was* shearing his sheep in Carmel. ³Now the name of the man *was* Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and *she was* a woman of good understanding and of a beautiful countenance but the man *was* hard and evil in his doings; and he *was* of the house of Caleb.

⁴And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep. ⁵And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, *Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:* ⁶And thus shall ye say, *For life, peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast.* ⁷And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds that were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the

while they were in Carmel. ⁸Ask thy young men, and they will tell thee. Wherefore let the young men find favor in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

⁹And when David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased. ¹⁰And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who *is* David? and who *is* the son of Jesse? there are many servants now-a-days that break away every man from his master. ¹¹Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give *it* unto men, whom I know not whence they *are*?

¹²So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings. ¹³And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

¹⁴But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to greet our master; and he was harsh to them. ¹⁵But the men *were* very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were con-

versant with them, when we were in the fields: ¹⁶They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep: ¹⁷Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he *is such* a wicked man, that *one* cannot speak to him.

¹⁸Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *corn*, and a hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid *them* on asses. ¹⁹And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.

²⁰And it was *so*, as she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them.

²¹Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this *fellow* hath in the wilderness, so that *nothing* was missed of all that *pertained* unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good. ²²So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that *pertain* to him by the morning light as much as a single male.

²³And when Abigail saw David, she hastened, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her

face, and bowed herself to the ground. ²⁴And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord *upon me let this iniquity be*: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine ears, and hear the words of thine handmaid. ²⁵Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this wicked man, *even Nabal*: for as his name *is*, so *is* he; Nabal *is* his name, and villainy *is* with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. ²⁶Now therefore, my lord, *as* the Lord liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, seeing the Lord hath withholden thee from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal. ²⁷And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord. ²⁸I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the Lord, and evil hath not been found in thee *all* thy days. ²⁹Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the Lord thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, *as out* of the middle of a sling. ³⁰And it shall come to pass, when the Lord shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he

hath spoken concerning thee, an shall have appointed thee rule over Israel; ³¹That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood without cause, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the Lord shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

³²And David said to Abigail Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel who sent thee this day to meet me: ³³And blessed *be* thy advice and blessed *be* thou, who hast kept me this day from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand. ³⁴For in every deed, *as* the Lord God of Israel liveth, who hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by this morning light as much as a single male.

³⁵So David received of her hand *that* which she had brought him and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.

³⁶And Abigail came to Nabal and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

³⁷But it came to pass in the

morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *as* a stone. ³⁶And it came to pass about ten days *after*, that the Lord smote Nabal, that he died.

³⁷And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed *be* the Lord, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the Lord hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.

³⁸And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spoke unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife. ³⁹And she arose, and bowed herself on *her* face to the earth, and said, Behold, *let* thine handmaid *be* a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. ⁴⁰And Abigail hastened, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.

⁴¹David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives. ⁴²But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who *was* of Gallim.

26 And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Be- hold, David hideth himself in the

hill of Hachilah, *which is* before Jeshimon. ²Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. ³And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, *which is* before Jeshimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. ⁴David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed. ⁵And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay in the enclosure of the camp and the people pitched round about him.

⁶Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hitfite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee. ⁷So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the enclosure, and his spear stuck in the ground at his head: but Abner and the people lay round about him.

⁸Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not *smite* him the second time. ⁹And David said to Abishai, De-

stroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless? ¹⁰David said furthermore, *As the Lord liveth, the Lord shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.* ¹¹The Lord forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the Lord's anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his head, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

¹²So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's head; and they went their way, and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither awaked: for they *were* all asleep; because a deep sleep from the Lord was fallen upon them.

¹³Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of a hill afar off; a great space *being* between them: ¹⁴And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, *Who art thou that criest to the king?* ¹⁵And David said to Abner, *Art not thou a valiant man? and who is like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept guard over thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord.* ¹⁶This thing is not good that thou hast done. *As the Lord liveth, ye are worthy to die, because ye have not kept guard over your master, the Lord's anointed. And*

now see where the king's spear is and the cruse of water that was at his head.

¹⁷And Saul knew David's voice and said, *Is this thy voice, my son David?* And David said, *It is my voice, my lord, O king.* ¹⁸And he said, *Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant for what have I done? or what evil is in mine hand?* ¹⁹Now therefore, I pray thee, let not my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the Lord has stirred thee up against me, let him accept an offering: but *they be* the children of men, *they be* cursed *be* they before the Lord, for they have driven me out this day from abiding in the inheritance of the Lord, saying, *God serve other gods.* ²⁰Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the Lord: for the king of Israel is come on to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

²¹Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly. ²²And David answered and said, Behold thy king's spear! and let one of thy young men come over and fetch it. ²³The Lord render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for the Lord delivered thee into *my* hand to-day: but I would not stretch forth mine

hand against the Lord's anointed. ²²And, behold, as thy life was greatly valued this day in mine eyes, so let my life be greatly valued in the eyes of the Lord, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation. ²³Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

27 And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: *there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in all the borders of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.*

²And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that *were* with him unto Achish, the son of Maach, king of Gath. ³And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, *even* David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife.

⁴And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

⁵And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in (thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the

royal city with thee? ⁶Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.

⁷And the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months.

⁸And David and his men went up, and invaded the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for those *nations were* of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt. ⁹And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achish. ¹⁰And Achish said, Whither have ye made a raid to-day? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites.

¹¹And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring *tidings* to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so *will be* his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philistines. ¹²And Achish believed David, saying, He hath made himself utterly loathsome to his people, to Israel; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.

28 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together

for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men. ²And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

³Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city.

And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

⁴And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. ⁵And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. ⁶And when Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. ⁷Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, *there is* a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor.

⁸And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me *him* up,

whom I shall name unto thee. ⁹And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? ¹⁰So Saul swore to her by the Lord, saying, As the Lord liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing. ¹¹Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. ¹²And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spoke to Saul saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou *art* Saul. ¹³And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw a divine being ascending out of the earth. ¹⁴And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it *was* Samuel, and he stooped with *his face* to the ground, and bowed himself.

¹⁵And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. ¹⁶Then said

Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the Lord is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? ¹⁷And the Lord hath done to him, as he spoke by me: for the Lord hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David: ¹⁸Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the Lord, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the Lord done this thing unto thee this day. ¹⁹Moreover the Lord will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to-morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the Lord also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

²⁰Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

²¹And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me. ²²Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way. ²³But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with

the woman, compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed. ²⁴And the woman had a fattened calf in the house; and she hastened, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof: ²⁵And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

29 Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which is in Jezreel. ²And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the rear with Achish.

³Then said the princes of the Philistines, What do these Hebrews here? And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who hath been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell unto me unto this day? ⁴And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go back to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? *should it not be*

with the heads of these men? ¹Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

²Then Achish called David, and said unto him, Surely, as the Lord liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host is good in my sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the lords favour thee not. ³Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines. ⁴And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king? ⁵And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou *art* good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle. ⁶Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye are up early in the morning, and have light, depart.

⁷So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

30 And it came to pass, when David and his men were

come to Ziklag on the third day that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; ²And had taken the women captive, that *were* therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried *them* away, and went on their way. ³And when David and his men came to the city and, behold, *it was* burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captive.

⁴Then David and the people that *were* with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. ⁵And David's two wives were taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

⁶And David was greatly distressed; for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God. ⁷And David said to Abiathar the priest Ahimelech's son, I pray thee bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. ⁸And David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake *them*, and without fail recover *all*.

⁹So David went, he and the six hundred men that *were* with him

and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed. ¹⁰But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, who were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

¹¹And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water; ¹²And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk *any* water, three days and three nights. ¹³And David said unto him, To whom *belongest* thou? and whence *art* thou? And he said, I *am* a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick.

¹⁴We made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites, and upon that which *belongeth* to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire. ¹⁵And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company. ¹⁶And when he had brought him down, behold, *they* were spread upon the face of all the land, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines,

and out of the land of Judah.

¹⁷And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, who rode upon camels, and fled. ¹⁸And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. ¹⁹And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any *thing* that they had taken to them: David recovered all. ²⁰And David took all the flocks and the herds, *which* they drove before those *other* cattle, and said, This *is* David's spoil.

²¹And David came to the two hundred men, who were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that *were* with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them. ²²Then answered all the evil and wicked men, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them *ought* of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead *them* away, and depart. ²³Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the Lord hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us

into our hand. ²⁴For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the baggage: they shall share alike.

²⁵And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

²⁶And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, *even* to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the Lord; ²⁷To *them* that were in Beth-el, and to *them* that were in south Ramoth, and to *them* that were in Jattir, ²⁸And to *them* that were in Aroer, and to *them* that were in Siphmoth, and to *them* that were in Esh-temoa, ²⁹And to *them* that were in Rachal, and to *them* that were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to *them* that were in the cities of the Kenites, ³⁰And to *them* that were in Hormah, and to *them* that were in Chor-ashan, and to *them* that were in Athach, ³¹And to *them* that were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

31 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. ²And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abi-

nadab, and Melchi-shua, Saul's sons. ³And the battle went sore against Saul, and the men shooting with the bow hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers. ⁴Then said Saul unto his armour-bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armour-bearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. ⁵And when his armour-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. ⁶So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armour-bearer, and all his men, that same day together.

⁷And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and *they* that were on the other side of the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

⁸And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. ⁹And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish *it* in the house of their idols, and among the people. ¹⁰And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan.

"And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul;	sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there. ¹³ And they took their bones, and buried <i>them</i> under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.
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SECOND SAMUEL

1 Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag; ²It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance. ³And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped. ⁴And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also. ⁵And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead? ⁶And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him. ⁷And when he looked behind him, he saw me, called unto me. And I answered, Here

am I. ⁸And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite. ⁹And he said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for anguish is come upon me, because my life is yet whole in me. ¹⁰So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.

¹¹Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him: ¹²And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the Lord, and for the house of Israel: because they were fallen by the sword.

¹³And David said unto the young man that told him, When art thou? And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Amalekite. ¹⁴And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the Lord's anointed? ¹⁵And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and f-

upon him. And he smote him that he died. ¹⁴And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the Lord's anointed.

¹⁵And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son: ¹⁶(Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.)

¹⁷The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen! ¹⁸Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

¹⁹Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been pointed with oil.

²⁰From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty. ²¹Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

²²Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in purple, with other delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

²³How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places.

²⁴I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. ²⁵How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

2 And it came to pass after this, that David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the Lord said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.

²So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite. ³And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. ⁴And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabesh-gilead were they that buried Saul. ⁵And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of the Lord, that ye have shewn this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him. ⁶And now the Lord shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing.

Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

⁸But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim; ⁹And made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

¹⁰Ish-bosheth Saul's son *was* forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David. ¹¹And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

¹²And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. ¹³And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met together by the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool. ¹⁴And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise.

¹⁵Then they arose and went over by number: twelve for Benjamin, and for Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David. ¹⁶And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and *thrust* his sword

in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore the place was called Helkath-hazzeirim, which is in Gibeon.

¹⁷And there was a very sore battle that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel before the servants of David.

¹⁸And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai and Asahel: and Asahel *was* as light of foot as a wild roe. ¹⁹And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. ²⁰Then Abner looked behind him, and said, Art thou Asahel? And he answered, *I am*. ²¹And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following him. ²²And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground, how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother? ²³But he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth rib, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, that as men came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still.

²⁴Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lieth before

Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon. ²⁵And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of a hill.

²⁶Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren? ²⁷And Joab said, As God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother. ²⁸So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.

²⁹And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over the Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim.

³⁰And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel. ³¹But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, so that three hundred and threescore men died.

³²And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which was in Bethlehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and the day broke upon them at Hebron.

3 Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

²And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his first-born was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; ³And his second, Chil-eab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; ⁴And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; ⁵And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

⁶And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul.

⁷And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and Ish-bosheth said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine? ⁸Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, Am I a dog's head of Judah? this day I have shewn kindness unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, and thou charest me to-day with a fault concerning this woman. ⁹So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as

the Lord hath sworn to David, even so I do to him; ¹⁰To transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba. ¹¹And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

¹²And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying *also*, Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand *shall be* with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee. ¹³And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face.

¹⁴And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver *me* my wife Michal, whom I espoused to me for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines. ¹⁵And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from *her* husband, *even* from Paltiel the son of Laish. ¹⁶And her husband went with her along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned.

¹⁷And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David in times past *to be* king over you: ¹⁸Now then *do it*: for the Lord hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines,

and out of the hand of all the enemies.

¹⁹And Abner also spoke in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seem good to Israel, and that seem good to the whole house of Benjamin. ²⁰So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men that *were* with him feast. ²¹And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto *the* lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

²²And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from pursuing a troop, and brought in great spoil with them: but Abner was not with David in Hebron for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace. ²³When Joab and all the host that *were* with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace.

²⁴Then Joab came to the king and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee, why is it *that* thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone? ²⁵Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know

That thou doest. ²⁶And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, who brought him back from the well of Sirah: but David knew it not.

²⁷And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother. ²⁸And afterward when David heard it, he said, I and my kingdom *are* guiltless before the Lord for ever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner: ²⁹Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fall from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread. ³⁰So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

³¹And David said to Joab, and to all the people that *were* with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David himself followed the bier. ³²And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept. ³³And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Should Abner die as a villain dieth? ³⁴Thy hands *were* not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before wicked men, so fellest thou. And

all the people wept again over him.

³⁵And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David swore, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or aught else, till the sun be down. ³⁶And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people. ³⁷And all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner.

³⁸And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel? ³⁹And I *am* this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah *are* too hard for me: the Lord shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

4 And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled.

²And Saul's son had two men *that were* captains of bands: the name of the one *was* Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin: (for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin: ³And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were sojourners there until this day.)

⁴And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son *that was* lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jona-

than out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled. and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name *was* Mephibosheth.

⁵And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth, who lay on a bed at noon. ⁶And they came thither into the midst of the house, *as though* they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him under the fifth rib: and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. ⁷For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bed-chamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and got them away through the plain all night. ⁸And they brought the head of Ishbosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ishbosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, who sought thy life; and the Lord hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.

⁹And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the Lord liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, ¹⁰When one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, who *thought* that I would have given him a reward for his tidings:

¹¹How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore no require his blood of your hands and take you away from the earth?

¹²And David commanded his young men, and they slew them and cut off their heads and the feet, and hanged *them* up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth, and buried *it* in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

5 Then came all the tribes of

Israel to David unto Hebron and spoke, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. ²Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest us out and broughtest in Israel: as the Lord said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.

³So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the Lord: as they anointed David king over Israel.

⁴David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel as king of Judah.

⁶And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the

land: who spoke unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither. ⁷Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion: the same is the city of David. ⁸And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, *that are hated of David's soul, he shall be chief and captain.* Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

⁹So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. ¹⁰And David built round about from Millo and inward. ¹¹And David went on, and grew great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him.

¹²And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar-trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David a house. ¹³And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

¹⁴And David took *him* more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David. ¹⁵And these *are* the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shammuah, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, ¹⁶Ibhar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia, ¹⁷And

Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet.

¹⁸But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the stronghold. ¹⁹The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

²⁰And David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the Lord said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand. ²¹And David came to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there, and said, The Lord hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baal-perazim. ²²And there they left their images, and David and his men carried them away.

²³And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. ²⁴And when David inquired of the Lord, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but go around to their rear, and come upon them over against the mulberry-trees. ²⁵And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry-trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the Lord go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines. ²⁶And David did so, as the Lord had commanded him; and smote the

Philistines from Geba until thou comest to Gezer.

6 Again, David gathered all *the chosen men* of Israel, thirty thousand. ²And David arose, and went with all the people that *were* with him from Baale-judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the Lord of hosts that dwelleth *between* the cherubim. ³And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart. ⁴And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which *was* at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. ⁵And David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of *instruments made of* fir-wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on sistrums, and on cymbals.

⁶And when they came to Nakhon's threshing-floor, Uzzah put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. ⁷And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for *his* error; and there he died by the ark of God.

⁸And David was displeased, because the Lord had broken forth upon Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez-uzzah to this day. ⁹And David was afraid of the Lord that day, and said,

How shall the ark of the Lo come to me? ¹⁰So David would not remove the ark of the Lo unto him into the city of David, but David carried it aside in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ¹¹And the ark of the Lo continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three month, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

¹²And it was told king David saying, The Lord hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and that *pertaineth* unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness. ¹³And it was so, that when they that bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings. ¹⁴And David danced before the Lord with all *his* might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵And David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lo with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

¹⁶And as the ark of the Lo came into the city of David Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷And they brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before

the Lord. ¹⁸And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts. ¹⁹And he dealt among all the people *even* among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of *flesh*, and a *flagon of wine*. So all the people departed every one to his house.

²⁰Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to-day, who uncovered himself to-day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! ²¹And David said unto Michal, *It was* before the Lord, who chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel: therefore will I play before the Lord. ²²And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maid-servants whom thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.

²³Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

7 And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the Lord had given him rest round about from all his enemies; ²That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in

a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within a curtain-tent. ³And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the Lord is with thee.

⁴And it came to pass that night, that the word of the Lord came unto Nathan, saying, ⁵Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the Lord, Shalt thou build me a house for me to dwell in? ⁶For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. ⁷In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spoke I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me a house of cedar? ⁸Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: ⁹And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth. ¹⁰Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as before-time, ¹¹And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over

my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the Lord telleth thee that he will make thee a house. ¹²And when thy days¹ be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, that shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. ¹⁴I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: ¹⁵But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. ¹⁶And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

¹⁷According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

¹⁸Then went king David in, and sat before the Lord, and he said, Who *am* I, O Lord God? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? ¹⁹And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord God; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord God? ²⁰And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord God, knowest thy servant. ²¹For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done

all these great things, to make thy servant know *them*. ²²Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God for *there is none* like thee, neither *is there any* God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. ²³And what nation in the earth is like thy people, *even* like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land before thy people, whom thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt from the nations and their gods. ²⁴For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, Lord, art become their God. ²⁵And now, O Lord God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said. ²⁶And let thine name be magnified for ever, saying, The Lord of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established for ever. ²⁷For thou, O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee a house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee. ²⁸And now, O Lord God, thou art that God, and thy words are true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant. ²⁹Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord God

hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

8 And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took Metheg-ammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

9 And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And so the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

10 David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his dominion at the river Euphrates. 11 And David took from him a thousand and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for a hundred chariots.

12 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. 13 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought gifts. And the Lord helped David whithersoever he went.

14 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem, 15 And from Bethah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

16 When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer, 17 Then Toi sent Joram his son unto king David, to greet him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And Joram brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass: 18 These also did king David dedicate unto the Lord, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued; 19 Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

20 And David got him a name when he returned from smiting the Syrians in the Valley of Salt, being eighteen thousand men.

21 And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all they of Edom became David's servants. And the Lord helped David whithersoever he went. 22 And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people.

23 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; 24 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Seraiah was the scribe; 25 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over both the Cherethites and the

Pelethites; and David's sons were chief rulers.

9 And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake? ²And *there was* of the house of Saul a servant whose name *was* Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, *Art thou Ziba?* And he said, *Thy servant is he.* ³And the king said, *Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him?* And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, *who is lame on his feet.* ⁴And the king said unto him, *Where is he?* And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he *is* in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar. ⁵Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar. ⁶Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant! ⁷And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. ⁸And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I *am*?

⁹Then the king called to Ziba,

Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul as to all his house. ¹⁰Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him; and thou shalt bring in *the fruit* that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread always at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. ¹¹Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that the lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, *saith the king*, he shall eat at my table as one of the king's sons.

¹²And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name *was* Mocha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba *were* servants unto Mephibosheth. ¹³So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and he was lame on both his feet.

10 And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead. ²Then said David, I will shew the kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came in the land of the children of Ammon.

³And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun

their lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David *rather* sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it? ⁴Wherefore *Ammon* took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, *even* to their buttocks, and sent them away.

⁵When they told it unto David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed: and the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

⁶And when the children of Ammon saw that they were become loathsome to David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Maacah a thousand men, and of the people of Tob twelve thousand men. ⁷And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men.

⁸And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entrance of the gate: and the Syrians of Zoba, and of Rehob, and the people of Tob, and Maacah, *were* by themselves in the field. ⁹When Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice *men* of Israel, and put *them* in array against the Syrians: ¹⁰And the rest of the people he delivered into the

hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put *them* in array against the children of Ammon.

¹¹And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee.

¹²Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the Lord do that which seemeth him good.

¹³And Joab drew nigh, and the people that *were* with him, unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him. ¹⁴And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

¹⁵And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together. ¹⁶And Hadadezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that *were* beyond the river: and they came to Helam; and Shobach the captain of the host of Hadadezer *went* before them.

¹⁷And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him.

¹⁸And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew *the men* of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the

captain of their host, who died there.

¹⁹And when all the kings *that were servants to Hadadezer* saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

11 And it came to pass, at the return of the year, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

²And it came to pass in an eventide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman *was* very beautiful to look upon. ³And David sent and inquired after the woman. And *one* said, *Is not this Bath-sheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?* ⁴And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness; and she returned unto her house.

⁵And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, *I am with child.*

⁶And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷And when Uriah was come unto

him, David inquired of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered. ⁸And David said to Uriah, Come down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. ⁹But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. ¹⁰And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from thy journey? why *then* didst thou not go down unto thine house? ¹¹And Uriah said unto David, The ark and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? *as thou livest, and thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.* ¹²And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to-day also, and to-morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow. ¹³And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and made him drink: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

¹⁴And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah

ah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.

¹⁶And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men *were*. ¹⁷And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell *some* of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

¹⁸Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; ¹⁹And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king, ²⁰And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall? ²¹Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

²²So the messenger went, and came and told David all that Joab had sent him for. ²³And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entrance of the gate. ²⁴And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and *some* of the king's servants are dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hit-

tite is dead also. ²⁵Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.

²⁶And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. ²⁷And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.

12 And the Lord sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. ²The rich *man* had exceeding many flocks and herds: ³But the poor *man* had nothing, save one little ewe-lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. ⁴And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the way-faring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

⁵And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and

he said to Nathan, As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this *thing* is worthy of death: ⁹And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

⁷And Nathan said to David, Thou *art* the man, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; ⁸And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. ⁹Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife *to be* thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. ¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. ¹¹Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give *them* unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. ¹²For thou didst *it* secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

¹³And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David,

The Lord also hath put away thine sin; thou shalt not die. ¹⁴Yet because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also *that is* born unto thee shall surely die. ¹⁵And Nathan departed unto his house.

And the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bore unto David, and it was very sick. ¹⁶David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. ¹⁷And the elders of his house arose, and *went* to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

¹⁸And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how then shall we tell him, The child is dead, he may do *himself* some harm. ¹⁹But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.

²⁰Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed *himself*, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. ²¹Then said

his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child *while it was alive*; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. ²²And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell *whether* God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? ²³But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

²⁴And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the Lord loved him. ²⁵And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, because of the Lord.

²⁶And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city. ²⁷And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters. ²⁸Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and it be called after my name. ²⁹And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it. ³⁰And he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof was a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was set on David's head. And he

brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance. ³¹And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brickkiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

13 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. ²And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.

³But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtle man. ⁴And he said unto him, Why, O son of the king, growest thou so lean from morning to morning? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. ⁵And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me bread to eat, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand. ⁶So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray

thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand.

⁷Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and prepare for him food. ⁸So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was lying down. And she took dough, and kneaded *it*, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. ⁹And she took a pan, and poured *them* out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him. ¹⁰And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought *them* into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

¹¹And when she had brought *them* unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister. ¹²And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this villainy. ¹³And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the villains in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. ¹⁴But he would not hearken unto her voice: and being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

¹⁵Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred

wherewith he hated her *was* greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone. ¹⁶And she said unto him, *There is no cause: this evil in sending me away is greater than the other that thou didst unto me*. But he would not hearken unto her. ¹⁷Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this *woman* out from me, and bolt the door after her. ¹⁸And *she had* a garment of divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that *were* virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out and bolted the door after her. ¹⁹And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that *was* on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

²⁰And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold not thy peace, my sister: he *is* thy brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

²¹But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth.

²²And Absalom spoke unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon because he had forced his sister Tamar.

²³And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheep-shearers in Baal-hazor which *is* beside Ephraim: and

Absalom invited all the king's sons. ²⁴And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheep-shearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant. ²⁵And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be burdensome to thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him. ²⁶Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee? ²⁷But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him. ²⁸Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when he say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous and be valiant. ²⁹And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man got him up upon his mule, and fled.

³⁰And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons and there is not one of them left. ³¹Then the king arose, and put his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent. ³²And Onadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, O not my lord suppose that

they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. ³³Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead: for Amnon only is dead.

³⁴But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hill-side behind him. ³⁵And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come: as thy servant said, so it is. ³⁶And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept very sore.

³⁷But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day.

³⁸So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years.

³⁹And the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon who was dead.

14 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was toward Absalom. ²And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thy-

self to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead: ³And come to the king, and speak on this manner unto him. So Joab put the words in her mouth.

⁴And when the woman of Tekoah spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, Help, O king. ⁵And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, I *am* indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead. ⁶And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and *there was* none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him. ⁷And, behold, the whole family is risen against thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also: and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my husband *neither* name nor remainder upon the earth.

⁸And the king said unto the woman, Go to thine house, and I will give charge concerning thee. ⁹And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity *be* on me, and on my father's house: and the king and his throne *be* guiltless. ¹⁰And the king said, Whosoever saith *ought* unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee

any more. ¹¹Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember the Lord thy God, that thou wouldest not suffer the avengers blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my son. And she said, As the Lord liveth, the shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth.

¹²Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak *one* word unto my lord the king. And he said, Say on. ¹³And the woman said, Wherefore hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? for in speaking this thing the king is as one that is guilty, in that the king doth not fetch him again his banished. ¹⁴For we must needs die, and *are* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; and yet doth God not take away life, but deviseth means, that the banished be not expelled from him. ¹⁵Not therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, *it is* because the people have made me afraid: and the handmaid said, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid. ¹⁶For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man *that would* destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God. ¹⁷Then thine handmaid said, Thy word of my lord the king shall now be for comfort: for as the angel of God, so *is* my lord the king to discern good and bad

therefore the Lord thy God will be with thee.

¹⁹Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak. ²⁰And the king said, Is not the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from aught that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid: ²⁰To change the appearance of the matter hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.

²¹And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom back. ²²And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king: and Joab said, To-day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of his servant.

²³So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. ²⁴And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own

house, and saw not the king's face.

²⁵But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. ²⁶And when he shaved his head, (for it was at every year's end that he shaved it: because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he shaved it:) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight.

²⁷And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

²⁸So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face. ²⁹Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come. ³⁰Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire.

³¹Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom unto his house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire? ³²And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? *it had been good for me to have*

been there still: now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be *any* iniquity in me, let him kill me.

³³So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.

15 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. ²And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city *art* thou? And he said, Thy servant *is* of one of the tribes of Israel. ³And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters *are* good and right; but *there is* no man *deputed* of the king to hear thee. ⁴Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man that hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice!

⁵And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. ⁶And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

⁷And it came to pass after forty

years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the Lord, in Hebron: ⁸For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the Lord shall bring me back indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the Lord. ⁹And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.

¹⁰But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron. ¹¹And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, *that were* called; as they went in their simplicity, as they knew not any thing. ¹²And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, *even* from Giloh, where he offered sacrifices. And this conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

¹³And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. ¹⁴And David said unto his servants that *were* with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not *else* escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword. ¹⁵And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants *are ready* to

whosoever my lord the king shall appoint.

¹⁴And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, *who were* concubines, to keep the house.

¹⁷And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in Beth-merhak. ¹⁸And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men that came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

¹⁹Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou art a stranger, and also an exile. ²⁰Thou camest *but* yesterday: should I this day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren with thee *in* mercy and truth. ²¹And Ittai answered the king, and said, As the Lord liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be. ²²And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that *were* with him.

²³And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wil-

derness. ²⁴And, lo, Zadok also, and all the Levites *were* with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city.

²⁵And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the Lord, he will bring me back, and shew me *both* it, and his habitation: ²⁶But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, *here am* I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him. ²⁷The king said also unto Zadok the priest, Seest thou? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. ²⁸See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to inform me.

²⁹Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God back to Jerusalem: and they tarried there. ³⁰And David went up by the ascent of mount Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that *were* with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

³¹And one told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O Lord, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.

³²And it came to pass, that

when David was come to the top of the mount, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head: ³³And David said unto him, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me: ³⁴But if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father's servant hitherto, so will I now also be thy servant: then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel.

³⁵And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. ³⁶Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear. ³⁷So Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

16 And when David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and a hundred bunches of raisins, and a hundred of summer fruits, and a skin of wine. ²And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses are for the king's household to ride on; and the

bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink. ³And the king said, And where is thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To-day shall the house of Israel restore the kingdom of my father. ⁴The king said the king to Ziba, Behold, these are all that pertained unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, humbly beseech thee that I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king.

⁵And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei the son of Gera: he came forth and cursed still as he came. ⁶And he cast stones at David, and all the servants of king David, and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. ⁷And thence said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou wicked man: ⁸For the Lord hath returned upon thee the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the Lord hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou art taken in thy mischief, because thou art a bloody man.

⁹Then said Abishai the son of Neri unto the king, Wherefore should this dead dog curse our lord the king? let me go over, and I will slay him. And the king said, Pray thee, and take off his head.

¹⁰And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the Lord hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so? ¹¹And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son who came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now *may this Ben-amite do it?* let him alone, and let him curse; for the Lord hath hidden him. ¹²It may be that the Lord will look on mine affliction, and that the Lord will requite me good for his cursing this day.

¹³And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust. ¹⁴And the king, and all the people that *were* with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.

¹⁵And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. ¹⁶And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, Long live the king! Long live the king! ¹⁷And Absalom said to Hushai, *Is this thy kindness to my friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend?* ¹⁸And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the Lord, and this people, and all the men of Israel, choose, he will I be, and with him will I abide. ¹⁹And again, whom should

I serve? *should I not serve* in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.

²⁰Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give your counsel what we shall do. ²¹And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, whom he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that *are* with thee be strong. ²²So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

²³And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, *was* as if a man had inquired at the oracle of God: so *was* all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

17 Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: ²And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak-handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that *are* with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only: ³And I will bring back all the people unto thee: when every man will return, as thou desirest, all the people shall be in peace. ⁴And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.

⁵Then said Absalom, Call now

Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith. ⁶And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spoke unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do *after* his saying? if not; speak thou. ⁷And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath given is not good at this time. ⁸For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they *are* mighty men, and they *are* chafed in spirit, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father *is* a man of war, and will not lodge with the people. ⁹Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some *other* place: and it will come to pass, when some of them should fall at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom. ¹⁰And he also *that is* valiant, whose heart *is* as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father *is* a mighty man, and *they* that are with him *are* valiant men. ¹¹Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that *is* by the sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine own person. ¹²So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him and of all the men that *are* with him there shall not be left so much as one.

¹³Moreover, if he be gotten in a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until the be not one small stone found there.

¹⁴And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel. ¹⁵For the Lord had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel to the intent that the Lord might bring evil upon Absalom.

¹⁶Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Tell David, saying, The counsel of Ahithophel is not good: for the Lord hath turned it upside down. ¹⁷And thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel, and thus and thus have I counselled. ¹⁸Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night in the plain of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest it be ruinous for thee, and for all the people that *are* with him.

¹⁹Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by En-rogel; and a maid servant went and told them, and they went and told king David for they might not be seen to come into the city. ²⁰Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bahurim, where he had a well in his court; whither they went down. ²¹And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and sowed ground corn thereon; and nothing was known. ²²And when Absalom's servants came to the

woman to the house, they said, Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them, They are gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.

²¹And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath Abithophel counselled against you.

²²Then David arose, and all the people that *were* with him, and they passed over the Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over the Jordan.

²³And when Abithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled *his* ass, and arose, and got him home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, and strangled himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

²⁴Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. ²⁵And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab: and Amasa was a man's son, whose name was Ithra the Israelite, that went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joab's mother. ²⁶So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

²⁷And it came to pass, when

David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, ²⁸Brought beds, and basins, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched pulse, ²⁹And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that *were* with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

18 And David numbered the people that *were* with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. ²And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also. ³But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now *thou art* worth ten thousand of us: therefore now *it is* better that thou succour us out of the city. ⁴And the king said unto them, What *saith* you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate-side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands.

⁴And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, *Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom.* And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

⁵So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim; ⁶Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand *men*. ⁷For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

⁸And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that *was* under him went away. ⁹And a certain man saw *it*, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak. ¹⁰And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest *him*, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten *shekels* of silver, and a girdle. ¹¹And the man said unto Joab, Though I should receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in mine hand, *yet* would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king

charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Spare for my sake the young man Absalom. ¹²Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have stood afar off. ¹³Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he *was* yet alive in the midst of the oak. ¹⁴And ten young men that bore Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.

¹⁵And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people. ¹⁶And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent.

¹⁷Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which *is* in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Absalom's monument.

¹⁸Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the Lord hath avenged him of his enemies. ¹⁹And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day: but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings,

because the king's son is dead. ²¹Then said Joab to the Cushite, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And the Cushite bowed himself unto Joab, and ran. ²²Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after the Cushite. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings ready? ²³But howsoever, said he, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran the Cushite.

²⁴And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, a man running alone. ²⁵And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, there are tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near. ²⁶And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold, another man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings. ²⁷And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings.

²⁸And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the Lord thy God, who

hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king. ²⁹And the king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, I saw a great tumult when Joab sent the king's servant, and me thy servant, but I knew not what it was. ³⁰And the king said unto him, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still.

³¹And, behold, the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, Let my lord the king receive the good tidings, that the Lord hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee. ³²And the king said unto the Cushite, Is the young man Absalom safe? And the Cushite answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is.

19 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

²And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom.

³And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son. ⁴And the people stole away that day to come into the city, as people that are ashamed

steal away when they flee in battle. ⁵But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!

⁶And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, who this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines; ⁷In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well. ⁸Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak reassuringly unto thy servants: for I swear by the Lord, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now.

⁹Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king.

Now Israel fled every man to his tent. ¹⁰And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land on account of Absalom. ¹¹And

Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?

¹²And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, even to his house. ¹³Ye are my brethren, ye are my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king? ¹⁴And say ye to Amasa, Art thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? Go do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab. ¹⁵And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah even as the heart of one man: so that they sent *this word* unto the king, Return thou, and all thy servants.

¹⁶So the king returned, and came to the Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over the Jordan.

¹⁷And Shimei the son of Gera a Benjamite, who was of Bahurim, hastened and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David. ¹⁸And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over the Jordan before the king. ¹⁹And there went over a ferry-boat to

carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was come over the Jordan; ²⁰And said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart. ²¹For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king. ²²But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the Lord's anointed? ²³And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know that I *am* this day king over Israel? ²⁴And the king said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die. And the king swore unto him.

²⁵And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came *back* in peace.

²⁶And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth?

²⁷And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because thy servant is lame. ²⁸And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an angel of God: do therefore *what is good* in thine eyes. ²⁹For all of my father's house were but men condemned to death before my lord the king: yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king? ³⁰And the king said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba divide the land. ³¹And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come back in peace unto his own house.

³²And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over the Jordan with the king, to conduct him over the Jordan. ³³Now Barzillai was a very aged man, *even* fourscore years old: and he had provided the king with sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he *was* a very great man.

³⁴And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will sustain thee with me in Jerusalem. ³⁵And Barzillai said unto the king, How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem?

³⁶I am this day fourscore years old: and can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king? ³⁷Thy servant will hardly *be able* to go over the Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward? ³⁸Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, *and be buried* by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold, thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee. ³⁹And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, *that* will I do for thee.

⁴⁰And all the people went over the Jordan. And when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place.

⁴¹Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him: and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel.

⁴²And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and have brought the king, and his household, and all

David's men with him, over the Jordan? ⁴³And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king *is* near of kin to us: wherefore then are ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's *cost*? or hath he given us any gift? ⁴⁴And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more *right* in David than ye: why then did ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

20 And there happened to be there a wicked man, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and said, We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O Israel.

²So every man of Israel went up from after David, *and* followed Sheba the son of Bichri: hut the men of Judah clove unto their king, from the Jordan even to Jerusalem.

³And David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women *his* concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood.

⁴Then said the king to Amasa, Assemble me the men of Judah

within three days, and be thou here present. ²So Amasa went to assemble the men of Judah: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him. ³And David said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom: take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fortified cities, and escape our sight.

⁴And there went out after him Joab's men, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men: and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri. ⁵When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa went before them. And Joab was girded with his mantle, his garment, and upon it a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth it fell out. ⁶And Joab said to Amasa, Art thou in health, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him. ⁷But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died.

So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri. ⁸And one of Joab's men stood by him, and said, He that favoureth Joab, and he that is for David, let him go after Joab. ⁹And Amasa wallowed in

blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that every one that came by him stood still. ¹⁰When he was removed out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

¹¹And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-maachah, and all the Berites: and they were gathered together, and went also after him. ¹²And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maachah, and they cast up a mound against the city, and it stood against the rampart: and all the people that were with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down.

¹³Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee. ¹⁴And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, Art thou Joab? And he answered, I am he. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, I do hear. ¹⁵Then she spoke, saying, They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask counsel at Abel: and so they ended the matter. ¹⁶I am one of them that are peaceable and faithful in Israel: thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou

ruin the inheritance of the Lord?

²⁰And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should ruin or destroy.

²¹The matter is not so: but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, *even* against David: deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall.

²²Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast *it* out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

²³Now Joab *was* over all the host of Israel: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites:

²⁴And Adoram *was* over the tribute: and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder: ²⁵And Sheva *was* scribe: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests: ²⁶And Ira also the Jairite *was* a minister unto David.

21 Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David inquired of the Lord. And the Lord answered, *It is* for Saul, and for *his* bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.

²And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them; (now

the Gibeonites *were* not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah.)

³Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of the Lord?

⁴And the Gibeonites said unto him, We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house: neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel. And he said, What ye shall say, *that* will I do for you. ⁵And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that devised against us *that* we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the borders of Israel, ⁶Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the Lord in Gibeah of Saul, *whom* the Lord did choose. And the king said, I will give *them*.

⁷But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the Lord's oath that *was* between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. ⁸But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholahite: ⁹And he delivered them into the hands of the Gib-

eonites, and they hanged them in the hill before the Lord: and they fell *all* seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first *days*, in the beginning of barley harvest.

¹⁰And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

¹¹And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. ¹²And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa: ¹³And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged. ¹⁴And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was entreated for the land.

¹⁵Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint. ¹⁶And Ishbi at

Nob, who *was* of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear *was* three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight, he being girded with a new *sword*, thought to have slain David. ¹⁷But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel.

¹⁸And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, who *was* of the sons of the giant.

¹⁹And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, a Beth-lehemite, slew *the brother* of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam.

²⁰And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant. ²¹And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him.

²²These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

22 And David spoke unto the Lord the words of this song in the day *that* the Lord had de-

livered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: ²And he said,

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; ³The God of my rock; in him will I trust: *he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.* ⁴I will call on the Lord, *who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.*

⁵When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid; ⁶The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death encountered me: ⁷In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry *did enter* into his ears. ⁸Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth. ⁹There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. ¹⁰He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness *was* under his feet. ¹¹And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind. ¹²And he made darkness pavilions round about him, gathering of waters, *and* thick clouds of the skies. ¹³Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled. ¹⁴The Lord thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered

his voice. ¹⁵And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them. ¹⁶And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the Lord, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

¹⁷He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters; ¹⁸He delivered me from my strong enemy, *and* from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me. ¹⁹They encountered me in the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my stay. ²⁰He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me. ²¹The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. ²²For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God. ²³For all his judgments *were* before me: and *as for* his statutes, I did not depart from them. ²⁴I was also upright before him, and have kept myself from mine iniquity. ²⁵Therefore the Lord hath recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness in his eyes.

²⁶With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, *and* with the mighty upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright. ²⁷With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself perverse. ²⁸And the afflicted people thou wilt save:

but thine eyes *are* upon the haughty, *that* thou mayest bring them down.

²⁹For thou *art* my lamp, O Lord: and the Lord will lighten my darkness. ³⁰For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall. ³¹As for God, his way *is* perfect; the word of the Lord *is* tried: he *is* a huckler to all them that trust in him.

³²For who *is* God, save the Lord? and who *is* a rock, save our God? ³³God *is* my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect. ³⁴He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places. ³⁵He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of brass *is* broken by mine arms. ³⁶Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great. ³⁷Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my ankles did not slip.

³⁸I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them. ³⁹And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they *are* fallen under my feet. ⁴⁰For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me. ⁴¹Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me. ⁴²They looked, but *there was* none to save; *even* unto the

Lord, but he answered them not. ⁴³Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth, I did stamp them as the mire of the street, and did spread them abroad. ⁴⁴Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people, thou hast kept me *to be* head of the nations: a people *whom* I knew not shall serve me. ⁴⁵Strangers shall submit themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me. ⁴⁶Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places.

⁴⁷The Lord liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and exalted *be* the God of the rock of my salvation. ⁴⁸It *is* God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the peoples under me. ⁴⁹And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

⁵⁰Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praises unto thy name. ⁵¹*He is* the tower of salvation for his king: and sheweth mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed for evermore.

23 Now these *are* the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man *who was* raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, ²The spirit of the Lord spoke by

me, and his word *was* upon my tongue.

³The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spoke to me, He that ruleth over men *must be* just, ruling in the fear of God. ⁴And *he shall be* as the light of the morning, *when* the sun riseth, *even* a morning without clouds; *as* the tender grass *springing* out of the earth by clear shining after rain. ⁵Is not so my house with God? for he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all *things*, and sure; yea, will he not cause to succeed all my salvation, and all *my* desire? ⁶But *the wicked shall be* all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands: ⁷But the man *that* shall touch them must be armed with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the *same* place.

⁸These *are* the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-bashebeth, a Tahchemonite, chief among the captains; the same *was* Adino the Eznite: *he lifted up his spear* against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.

⁹And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo, the son of Ahohi, *one* of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines *that* were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away: ¹⁰He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clove unto the sword: and

the Lord wrought a great victory that day: and the people returned after him only to spoil.

¹¹And after him *was* Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentils: and the people fled from the Philistines. ¹²But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the Lord wrought a great victory.

¹³And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim. ¹⁴And David *was* then in a stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines *was* then in Beth-lehem. ¹⁵And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me a drink of water of the well of Beth-lehem, which *is* by the gate! ¹⁶And the three mighty men broke through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that *was* by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the Lord. ¹⁷And he said, Be it far from me, O Lord, that I should do this: *is not this* the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

¹⁸And Abishai the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among the three. And he

lifted up his spear against three hundred, *and slew them*, and had the name among the three. ¹⁹Although he was the most honourable of the three, and he was their captain: nevertheless he attained not unto the *first* three.

²⁰And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two sons of Ariel of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow: ²¹And he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

²²These *things* did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among the three mighty men. ²³He was more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the *first* three. And David set him over his guard.

²⁴Asahel the brother of Joab *was* one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem, ²⁵Shammah the Harodite, Elikah the Harodite, ²⁶Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikesh the Tekoite, ²⁷Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite, ²⁸Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite, ²⁹Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, ³⁰Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash, ³¹Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Bar-

humite, ³²Eliabha the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen, Jonathan, ³³Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Ararite, ³⁴Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of Maachathite, Eliam the son of Alithophel the Gilonite, ³⁵Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, ³⁶Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, ³⁷Zelek the Ammonite, Nahari the Beerothite, armour-bearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah, ³⁸Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, ³⁹Uriah the Hittite: thirty and seven in all.

24 And again the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah. ²And the king said to Joab the captain of the host, that *was* with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people. ³And Joab said unto the king, Now the Lord thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, a hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see *it*: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?

⁴Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel. ⁵And they passed over the Jordan, and pitched in Arzer,

on the right side of the city that *lieth* in the midst of the valley of Gad and toward Jazer: ⁶Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and about to Sidon, ⁷And came to the stronghold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, *even* to Beer-sheba. ⁸So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. ⁹And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah *were* five hundred thousand men.

¹⁰And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the Lord, I have sinned greatly in what I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O Lord, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. ¹¹And when David was up in the morning, the word of the Lord came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, ¹²Go and say unto David, Thus saith the Lord, I offer thee three *things*; choose thee one of them, that I may *do it* unto thee.

¹³So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine

enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me. ¹⁴And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the Lord; for his mercies *are* great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.

¹⁵So the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand men. ¹⁶And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the Lord was by the threshing-floor of Aravnah the Jebusite. ¹⁷And David spoke unto the Lord when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

¹⁸And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the Lord in the threshing-floor of Aravnah the Jebusite. ¹⁹And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the Lord commanded. ²⁰And Aravnah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Aravnah went out, and bowed himself before the

king on his face upon the ground. ²¹And Aravnah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshing-floor of thee, to build an altar unto the Lord, that the plague may be stayed from the people. ²²And Aravnah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what *seemeth* good unto him: behold, *here are* oxen for the burnt-sacrifice, and threshing instruments and the harness of the oxen for wood. ²³All these *things* did Aravnah, as a king, give unto the king.

And Aravnah said unto the king, The Lord thy God accept thee. ²⁴And the king said unto Aravnah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt-offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing.

So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. ²⁵And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. So the Lord was entreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

מְלָכִים א

FIRST KINGS

1 Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he got no heat. ²Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat. ³So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the borders of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. ⁴And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.

⁵Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. ⁶And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bore him after Absalom. ⁷And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped him. ⁸But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and

the mighty men that belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.

⁹And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fatted cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by Engrogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants: ¹⁰But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

¹¹Wherefore Nathan spoke unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not? ¹²Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. ¹³Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign? ¹⁴Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words.

¹⁵And Bath-sheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abi-

slung the Shunammite ministered unto the king. ¹⁶And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou? ¹⁷And she said unto him, My lord, thou sworest by the Lord thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. ¹⁸And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not: ¹⁹And he hath slain oxen and fatted cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. ²⁰And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. ²¹Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.

²²And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. ²³And they told the king, saying, Behold, Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. ²⁴And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? ²⁵For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fatted cattle and sheep in

abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, Long live king Adonijah. ²⁶But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called. ²⁷Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not told thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

²⁸Then king David answered and said, Call me Bath-sheba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. ²⁹And the king swore, and said, As the Lord liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all distress, ³⁰Even as I swore unto thee by the Lord God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day. ³¹Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

³²And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king. ³³The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon: ³⁴And let Zadok

the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, Long live king Solomon. ³⁵Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah. ³⁶And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the Lord God of my lord the king say so too. ³⁷As the Lord hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

³⁸So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. ³⁹And Zadok the priest took a horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, Long live king Solomon. ⁴⁰And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

⁴¹And Adonijah and all the guests that *were* with him heard *it* as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore *is this* noise of the city being in an uproar? ⁴²And while he yet spoke, behold,

Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings. ⁴³And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king. ⁴⁴And the king that sent with him Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule. ⁴⁵And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city was in uproar. This *is* the noise that ye have heard. ⁴⁶And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom. ⁴⁷And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than the throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed. ⁴⁸And also thus said the king, Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel, who hath given *on* to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing *it*.

⁴⁹And all the guests that *were* with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way. ⁵⁰And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

⁵¹And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath

caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to-day that he will not slay his servant with the sword. ⁵²And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not a hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die. ⁵³So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

2 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, ²I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; ³And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself: ⁴That the Lord may establish his word which he spoke concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

⁵Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner,

and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that *was* about his loins, and upon his sandals that *were* on his feet. ⁶Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoary head go down to the grave in peace. ⁷But shew kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came near to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother. ⁸And, behold, *thou hast* with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by the Lord, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword. ⁹Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou *art* a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him, and thou shalt bring down his hoary head to the grave with blood.

¹⁰And David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹And the days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

¹²Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.

¹³And Adonijah the son of

Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably. ¹⁴He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on. ¹⁵And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and *that* all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: yet the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the Lord. ¹⁶And now I ask one petition of thee, deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on. ¹⁷And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not refuse thee,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife. ¹⁸And Bath-sheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king.

¹⁹Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. ²⁰Then she said, I ask one small petition of thee; *I pray thee*, refuse me not. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not refuse thee. ²¹And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife. ²²And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he *is* mine elder

brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.

²³Then king Solomon swore by the Lord, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life. ²⁴Now therefore, *as* the Lord liveth, who hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me a house, *as* he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day. ²⁵And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died.

²⁶And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou *art* worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou didst bear the ark of the Lord God before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted. ²⁷So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the Lord; that he might fulfil the word of the Lord, which he spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

²⁸Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the Lord, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. ²⁹And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the Lord; and behold, *he is* by the altar. Ther

Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him. ³⁰And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the Lord, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me. ³¹And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him: that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father. ³²And the Lord shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing thereof, to wit, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah. ³³Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from the Lord. ³⁴So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him: and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. ³⁵And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.

³⁶And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him,

Build thee a house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence hither or thither. ³⁷For it shall be, that on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head. ³⁸And Shimei said unto the king, The saying is good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

³⁹And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish, son of Maachah, king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants are in Gath. ⁴⁰And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath.

⁴¹And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come back. ⁴²And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the Lord, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for a certain, on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad hither or thither, that thou shalt surely die? and thou saidest unto me, The word that I have heard is good. ⁴³Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the Lord, and the commandment that I have charged thee with? ⁴⁴The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the

wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the Lord shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head; ⁴⁵And king Solomon *shall be* blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the Lord for ever.

⁴⁶So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

3 And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the Lord, and the wall of Jerusalem round about. ²Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the Lord, until those days. ³And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

⁴And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there: for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt-offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

⁵In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. ⁶And Solomon said, Thou hast shewn unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before

thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king in stead of David my father: and I *am but* a little lad: I know not *how* to go out or come in. ⁸And thy servant is in the midst of the people whom thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. ⁹Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge the people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

¹⁰And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. ¹¹And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; ¹²Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. ¹³And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. ¹⁴And if thou

wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

¹⁶And Solomon awoke; and, behold, *it was* a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt-offerings, and offered peace-offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

¹⁶Then came there two women, *that were* harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. ¹⁷And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. ¹⁸And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and *we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house.* ¹⁹And this woman's child died in the night; because she lay upon it. ²⁰And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. ²¹And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was *not my son, whom I did bear.* ²²And the other woman said, Nay; *but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son.* And this said, *No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son.* Thus they

spoke before the king.

²³Then said the king, The one saith, This *is* my son that liveth, and thy son *is* the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son *is* the dead, and my son *is* the living. ²⁴And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. ²⁵And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

²⁶Then spoke the woman whose the living child *was* unto the king, for her affection toward her son was kindled, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, *but divide it.* ²⁷Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she *is* the mother thereof.

²⁸And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God *was* in him, to do judgment.

4 So king Solomon was king over all Israel. ²And these were the chiefs whom he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest, ³Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder. ⁴And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests: ⁵And Azariah the son of Nathan *was* over the officers:

and Zabud the son of Nathan *was* principal officer, *and* the king's friend: ⁶And Ahishar *was* over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda *was* over the tribute.

⁷And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who provided victuals for the king and his household: each man had to make provision for one month in the year. ⁸And these *are* their names: The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim: ⁹The son of Deker, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elonbeth-hanan: ¹⁰The son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him *pertained* Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher: ¹¹The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; he had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife: ¹²Baana the son of Ahilud; to him *pertained* Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which *is* by Zarethan beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, *even unto the place that is* beyond Jokneam: ¹³The son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead; to him *pertained* the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which *are* in Gilead; to him *also pertained* the region of Argob, which *is* in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and brazen bars: ¹⁴Ahioadab the son of Iddo in Mahanaim: ¹⁵Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife: ¹⁶Baanah the son of Hushai *was* in Asher and in Aloth: ¹⁷Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in

Issachar: ¹⁸Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin: ¹⁹Geber the son of Uri *was* in the country of Gilead, *in* the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of O king of Bashan; and *he was* the only officer that *was* in the land

²⁰Judah and Israel *were* many as the sand which *is* by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

5 And Solomon reigned over all the kingdoms from the River unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents and served Solomon all the day of his life.

²And Solomon's provision for one day *was* thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal, ³Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures and a hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallow deer, and fatted fowl. ⁴For he had dominion over all *the region* on this side the River, from Tiph-sah even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the River: and he had peace on all sides round about him. ⁵And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

⁶And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. ⁷And those officers provided victuals for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Sol

omon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing. ⁸Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto the place where *the officers* were, every man according to his charge.

⁹And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that *is* on the seashore. ¹⁰And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. ¹¹For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about. ¹²And he spoke three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five. ¹³And he spoke of trees, from the cedar-tree that *is* in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spoke also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. ¹⁴And there came of all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

¹⁵And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had appointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

¹⁶And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, ¹⁷Thou knowest how that David my father could not build a house unto the name of the

Lord his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. ¹⁸But now the Lord my God hath given me rest on every side, *so that there is* neither adversary nor evil occurrence. ¹⁹And, behold, I purpose to build a house unto the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord spoke unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build a house unto my name. ²⁰Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar-trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that *there is* not among us any that hath skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.

²¹And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed *be* the Lord this day, who hath given unto David a wise son over this great people. ²²And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: *and* I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir. ²³My servants shall bring *them* down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be broken up there, and thou

shalt receive *them*: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household.

²⁴So Hiram gave Solomon cedar-trees and fir-trees *according to all his desire*. ²⁵And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

²⁶And the Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

²⁷And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.

²⁸And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home; and Adoniram was over the levy.

²⁹And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bore burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains; ³⁰Besides the chief of Solomon's officers who were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, who ruled over the people that wrought in the work.

³¹And the king commanded, and they quarried great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with hewed stones. ³²And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew *them*, and the Gibeonites: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

6 And it came to pass in the fourth hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the Lord.

²And the house which king Solomon built for the Lord, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits. ³And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and the cubits was the breadth thereof before the house. ⁴And for the house he made windows broad within and narrow without. ⁵Against the wall of the house he built a gallery round about against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the inner sanctuary: and he made side-chambers round about: ⁶The nethermost gallery was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad for without in the wall of the house he made narrowed round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house. ⁷And the house, when it was in building was built of stones made ready at the quarry: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the

house, while it was in building. ⁹The door for the middle side-chamber *was* in the right side of the house; and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

¹⁰So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar. ¹¹And he built the gallery against all the house, five cubits high; and it rested on the house with timber of cedar.

¹²And the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying, ¹³Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spoke unto David thy father: ¹⁴And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

¹⁵So Solomon built the house, and finished it. ¹⁶And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling; and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir. ¹⁷And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, from the floor to the height of the walls with boards of cedar; and he built in the interior the floor, *even* the most holy place. ¹⁸And the house, that is, the temple before it, was forty cubits

long. ¹⁹And the cedar of the house within *was* carved with knots and open flowers: all *was* cedar; there was no stone seen.

²⁰And the sanctuary he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the Lord. ²¹And the inner sanctuary in the forepart *was* twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar with cedar. ²²So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made pass chains of gold before the inner sanctuary; and he overlaid it with gold. ²³And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that *was* by the sanctuary he overlaid with gold.

²⁴And within the sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive-wood, *each* ten cubits high. ²⁵And five cubits *was* the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other *were* ten cubits. ²⁶And the other cherub *was* ten cubits: both the cherubim *were* of one measure and one form. ²⁷The height of the one cherub *was* ten cubits, and so *was* it of the other cherub. ²⁸And he set the cherubim within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubim, so that the wing of the one touched the *one* wall, and

the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. ²⁸And he overlaid the cherubim with gold.

²⁹And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubim and palm-trees and open flowers, within and without. ³⁰And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.

³¹And for the entrance of the sanctuary he made doors of olive-wood: the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall.

³²The two doors also were of olive-wood; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubim and palm-trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubim, and upon the palm-trees. ³³So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive-wood, a fourth part of the wall. ³⁴And the two doors were of fir-wood: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.

³⁵And he carved thereon cherubim and palm-trees and open flowers: and covered them with gold fitted upon the carved work.

³⁶And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.

³⁷In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the Lord laid, in the month Ziv: ³⁸And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house

finished throughout all the part thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

7 But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years: and he finished all his house.

²He built also the house the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was a hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars. ³And it was covered with cedar above over the chambers, that lay on forty-five pillars, fifteen in a row. ⁴And there were windows in three rows, and a window was against window in three ranks. ⁵And all the doors and posts were square, with the windows: and window was against window in three ranks.

⁶And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch was before them: and the other pillars and the thick beam were before them.

⁷Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge: even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other.

⁸And his house where he dwelt had another court within the porch, which was of the like work. Solomon made also a house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken to wife, like unto the porch.

"All these *were* of costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court. ¹⁰And the foundation *was* of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. ¹¹And above *were* costly stones, after the measures of hewed stones, and cedars. ¹²And the great court round about *was* with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the Lord, and for the porch of the house.

¹³And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre. ¹⁴He *was* a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father *was* a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he *was* filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.

¹⁵And he cast two pillars of brass, eighteen cubits *was* the height of one pillar, and a line of twelve cubits did compass about the second pillar. ¹⁶And he made two capitals of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one capital *was* five cubits, and the height of the other capital *was* five cubits: ¹⁷And nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the capitals which *were* upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one capital, and seven for the other

capital. ¹⁸And he made the pillars, and two rows of pomegranates round about upon the one network, to cover the capitals that *were* upon the top: and so did he for the other capitals. ¹⁹And the capitals that *were* upon the top of the pillars *were* of lily work in the porch, four cubits. ²⁰And the capitals upon the two pillars rose also above, near the belly which *was* by the network: and the pomegranates *were* two hundred in rows round about the other capital. ²¹And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz. ²²And upon the top of the pillars *was* lily work: so *was* the work of the pillars finished.

²³And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other: it *was* round all about, and its height *was* five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about. ²⁴And under the brim of it round about *there were* knobs compassing it, compassing about the sea, which *was* ten cubits wide: the knobs *were* in two rows, and *were* cast in the same casting with it. ²⁵It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea *was* set above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward. ²⁶And

it was a handbreadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.

²⁷And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it. ²⁸And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had borders, and the borders were between the ledges:

²⁹And on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim: and upon the ledges there was a base above: and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of overlaid work.

³⁰And every base had four brazen wheels, and axles of brass: and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver were undersetters molten, and at the side of each were wreaths. ³¹And the mouth of it within the capital and above was a cubit: and the mouth thereof was round after the work of the base, a cubit and a half: and also upon the mouth of it were gravings, and their borders were four-square, not round.

³²And under the borders were four wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels were joined to the base: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit. ³³And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their naves, and their fellows, and their spokes, were all molten. ³⁴And there were four

undersetters to the four corners of one base: and the undersetters were of the very base itself. ³⁵And in the top of the base was there a round compass of half cubit high: and on the top of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof were of the same. ³⁶And on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubim lions, and palm-trees, according to the space of every one, and wreaths round about. ³⁷After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one form.

³⁸Then made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: and every laver was four cubits: and upon every one of the ten bases one laver. ³⁹And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.

⁴⁰And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basins.

So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made for king Solomon for the house of the Lord: ⁴¹The two pillars, and the two bowls of the capital that were on the top of the pillars: and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were upon the top of the pillars; ⁴²And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, even two rows of pomegranates.

granates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were upon the pillars; ⁴³And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases; ⁴⁴And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea; ⁴⁵And the pots, and the shovels, and the basins; and all these vessels, which Hiram made for king Solomon for the house of the Lord, were of bright brass. ⁴⁶In the plain of the Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan. ⁴⁷And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out.

⁴⁸And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained unto the house of the Lord: the altar of gold, and the table whereupon the shewbread was, of gold. ⁴⁹And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the inner sanctuary, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold. ⁵⁰And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple, of gold.

⁵¹So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the Lord. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the

treasures of the house of the Lord.

8 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. ²And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. ³And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. ⁴And they brought up the ark of the Lord, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up. ⁵And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude. ⁶And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the Lord unto its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim. ⁷For the cherubim spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the staves thereof above. ⁸And they made the staves so long, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the inner sanctuary, and

they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day. ⁹*There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.*

¹⁰And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy *place*, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord, ¹¹So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord. ¹²Then spoke Solomon, The Lord said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. ¹³I have surely built thee a house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever.

¹⁴And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;) ¹⁵And he said, Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel, who spoke with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled *it*, saying, ¹⁶Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house, that my name might be therein; but I chose David to be over my people Israel. ¹⁷And it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of the Lord God of Israel. ¹⁸And the Lord said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart

to build a house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart. ¹⁹Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name. ²⁰And the Lord hath performed his word that he spoke, and I am risen up in the room of David my father and sit on the throne of Israel as the Lord promised, and have built a house for the name of the Lord God of Israel. ²¹And have set there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of the Lord, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

²²And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel and spread forth his hands toward heaven: ²³And he said, Lord God of Israel, *there is no* God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepes covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart: ²⁴Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day. ²⁵Therefore now, Lord God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou promisedst him saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; if only thy children take heed to their word that they walk before me as the

hast walked before me. ²⁹And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

³¹But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and the earth cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded! ³²Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to-day: ³³That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, *even* toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. ³⁴And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray in this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

³⁵If any man trespass against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house: ³⁶Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

³⁷When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against

thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house: ³⁸Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

³⁹When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray in this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them: ⁴⁰Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

⁴¹If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness *there be*; ⁴²What prayer and supplication soever be *made* by any man, of all thy people Israel, who shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands in this house: ⁴³Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, *even* thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;) ⁴⁴That they may fear thee all

the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

⁴¹Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake; ⁴²(For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house; ⁴³Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as *do* thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.

⁴⁴If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the Lord toward the city which thou hast chosen, and *toward* the house that I have built for thy name: ⁴⁵Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

⁴⁶If they sin against thee, (for *there is no man that sinneth not*), and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive unto the land of the enemy, far or near; ⁴⁷*Yet* if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them cap-

tive, saying, We have sinned and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness; ⁴⁸And return unto thee with all th heart, and with all their soul, the land of their enemies, w led them away captive, and pr unto thee toward their land, wh thou gavest unto their fathe the city which thou hast chos and the house which I have bu for thy name: ⁴⁹Then hear th their prayer and their suppli tion in heaven thy dwelling-pla and maintain their cause, ⁵⁰A forgive thy people that ha sinned against thee, and all th transgressions wherein they ha transgressed against thee, a give them compassion bef them who carried them capti that they may have compass on them: ⁵¹For they *are* thy pe ple, and thine inheritance, whi thou broughtest forth out of gypt, from the midst of the f nace of iron: ⁵²That thine ey may be open unto the suppli tion of thy servant, and unto t supplication of thy people Isra to hearken unto them in all tl they call for unto thee. ⁵³F thou didst separate them fr among all the people of the ear *to be* thine inheritance, as th spokest by the hand of Mos thy servant, when thou brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lo God.

⁵⁴And it was so, that wh Solomon had made an end praying all this prayer and su plication unto the Lord, he ar

from before the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. ⁵⁵And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, ⁵⁶Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. ⁵⁷The Lord our God he hath with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us: ⁵⁸That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers. ⁵⁹And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the Lord, he nigh unto the Lord our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel as each day requires. ⁶⁰That all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God, and that there is none else. ⁶¹Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day. ⁶²And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the Lord. ⁶³And Solomon offered sacrifice of peace-offerings, which he offered unto the Lord, two and twenty thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all

the children of Israel dedicated the house of the Lord. ⁶⁴The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the Lord: for there he offered burnt-offerings, and meal-offering, and the fat of the peace-offerings: because the brazen altar that was before the Lord was too little to receive the burnt-offerings, and meal-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings.

⁶⁵And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entrance of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the Lord our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days. ⁶⁶On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the Lord had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

9 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the Lord, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, ²That the Lord appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon. ³And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there

perpetually. ⁴And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, *and* wilt keep my statutes and my judgments: ⁵Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel. ⁶*But* if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments *and* my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them: ⁷Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people: ⁸And at this house, *which* is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the Lord done thus unto this land, and to this house? ⁹And they shall answer, Because they forsook the Lord their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the Lord brought upon them all this evil.

¹⁰And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses,

the house of the Lord, and the king's house, ¹¹(*Now* Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar-trees and fir-trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. ¹²And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not. ¹³And he said, What cities *are* these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul unto this day.

¹⁴And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

¹⁵And this is the account of the levy which king Solomon raised for to build the house of the Lord, and his own house, at Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer. ¹⁶Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife. ¹⁷And Solomon built Gezer, at Beth-horon the nether, ¹⁸At Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land, ¹⁹And at the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariot, and cities for his horsemen, at that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. ²⁰And all the people that were left of the Amorite, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and

ebonites, who *were* not of the children of Israel, ²¹Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bond-service unto this day. ²²But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondmen: but they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

²³These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon's park, five hundred and fifty, who were to rule over the people that wrought in the work.

²⁴But Pharaoh's daughter came out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.

²⁵And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt-offerings and peace-offerings upon the altar which he built unto the Lord, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the Lord. So he finished the house.

²⁶And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. ²⁷And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and

brought it to king Solomon.

10 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to prove him with hard questions. ²And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bore spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. ³And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not. ⁴And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, ⁵And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cup-bearers, and his burnt-offerings which he offered in the house of the Lord; there was no more spirit in her. ⁶And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. ⁷But I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thou exceedest in wisdom and prosperity the fame which I heard. ⁸Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, that stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. ⁹Blessed be the Lord thy God, who delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the Lord loved Israel for ever, therefore made

he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

¹⁰And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon

¹¹And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug-trees, and precious stones. ¹²And the king made of the almug-trees pillars for the house of the Lord, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug-trees, nor were seen unto this day.

¹³And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, besides *that* which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

¹⁴Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold, ¹⁵Besides *that* which he had of the merchantmen, and of the traffic of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country.

¹⁶And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of gold went to one target. ¹⁷And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three manehs of gold went

to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

¹⁸Moreover the king made great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold. ¹⁹The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne *was* round behind and *there were* stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays. ²⁰And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.

²¹And all king Solomon's drinking vessels *were* of gold, and *the* vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were* of pure gold; none *were* of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the day of Solomon. ²²For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

²³So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom. ²⁴And all the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. ²⁵And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

²⁶And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed

in the cities for chariots, and with the King at Jerusalem.

¹⁷And the king made silver to *be* in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to *be* as the sycamore-trees that *are* in the vale for abundance.

¹⁸And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and the king's merchants bought them in troops, each troop at a *certain* price. ¹⁹And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring *them* out by their means.

11 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites; ²Of the nations *concerning* which the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: *for* surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clove unto these in love. ³And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. ⁴For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as *was* the heart of David his father. ⁵For Solomon went after *Ashtoreth* the goddess of the Si-

donians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

⁶And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as *did* David his father. ⁷Then did Solomon build a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. ⁸And likewise did he for all his strange wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

⁹And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, who had appeared unto him twice, ¹⁰And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the Lord commanded. ¹¹Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. ¹²Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: *but* I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. ¹³Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; *but* will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

¹⁴And the Lord stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he *was* of the king's

seed in Edom. ¹⁵For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom; ¹⁶(For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:) ¹⁷That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad *being* yet a little child. ¹⁸And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; who gave him a house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land. ¹⁹And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. ²⁰And the sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh. ²¹And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country. ²²Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

²³And God stirred him up an-

other adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, who fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah. ²⁴And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band when David slew them of *Zobah*, and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus. ²⁵And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, besides the mischief that Hadad *did*: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

²⁶And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name *was* Zeruiah, a widow woman, even he lifted up *his* hand against the king. ²⁷And this *was* the cause that he lifted up *his* hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, *and* repaired the breaches of the city of David his father. ²⁸And the man Jeroboam *was* a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing that young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.

²⁹And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and the two *were* alone in the field: ³⁰And Ahijah caught the new garment that *was* on him, and rent it in twelve pieces: ³¹And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solo-

mon, and will give ten tribes to thee: ³²(But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:) ³³Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do *that which is right* in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as *did* David his father. ³⁴Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: out I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes: ³⁵But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, *even* ten tribes. ³⁶And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a right always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there. And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel. ³⁷And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do *that which is right* in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for Da-

vid, and will give Israel unto thee. ³⁸And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.

⁴⁰Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

⁴¹And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, behold, they are written in the book of the acts of Solomon.

⁴²And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.

⁴³And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

12 And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

²And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;) ³That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spoke unto Rehoboam, saying, 'Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. ⁴And he said unto them,

Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

⁶And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people? ⁷And they spoke unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever. ⁸But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, *and* that stood before him: ⁹And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter? ¹⁰And the young men that were grown up with him spoke unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spoke unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins. ¹¹And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with thorns.

¹²So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed,

saying, Come to me again the third day. ¹³And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him; ¹⁴And spoke to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father *also* chastised you with whips; but I will chastise you with thorns. ¹⁵Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people for the cause was from the Lord that he might perform his saying, which the Lord spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

¹⁶So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither *have we* inheritance in the son of Jesse: tarry your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents. ¹⁷But as for the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

¹⁸Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who *was* over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, and flee to Jerusalem. ¹⁹So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

²⁰And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congrega-

gation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

²¹And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom back to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

²²But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying, ²³Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying, ²⁴Thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the Lord, and turned and went away, according to the word of the Lord.

²⁵Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Peniel.

²⁶And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: ²⁷If his people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of his people turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go back to Rehoboam king

of Judah. ²⁸Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. ²⁹And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan. ³⁰And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, *even* unto Dan. ³¹And he made a house of the high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, who were not of the sons of Levi. ³²And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Beth-el, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places whom he had made. ³³So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-el the fifteenth day of the eighth month, *even* in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he went up to the altar to burn incense.

13 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the Lord unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. ²And he cried against the altar by the word of the Lord, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the Lord; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by

name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. ³And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the Lord hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

⁴And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, who had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back to him. ⁵The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the Lord. ⁶And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Entreat now the face of the Lord thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the Lord, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before. ⁷And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward. ⁸And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place: ⁹For so was it charged me by the word of the Lord,

saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor return by the same way that thou camest. ¹⁰So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

¹¹Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and his son came and told him all the work that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the word which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father. ¹²And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, that came from Judah. ¹³And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon, ¹⁴And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am. ¹⁵Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread. ¹⁶And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place: ¹⁷For it was said to me by the word of the Lord, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn back to go by the way that thou camest. ¹⁸He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art, and an angel spoke unto me by the word of the Lord, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he

lied unto him. ¹⁹So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

²⁰And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the Lord came unto the prophet that brought him back: ²¹And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the Lord, and hast not kept the commandment which the Lord thy God commanded thee, ²²But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which *the Lord* did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcass shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

²³And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back. ²⁴And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcass was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcass. ²⁵And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcass cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcass: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

²⁶And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the Lord: therefore the Lord hath delivered him

unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke unto him. ²⁷And he spoke to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him. ²⁸And he went and found his carcass cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcass: the lion had not eaten the carcass, nor torn the ass. ²⁹And the prophet took up the carcass of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him. ³⁰And he laid his carcass in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother!

³¹And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones: ³²For the saying which he cried by the word of the Lord against the altar in Beth-el, and against all the houses of the high places which *are* in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

³³After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places. ³⁴And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from

off the face of the earth.

14 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. ²And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that they may not know that thou art the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, who spoke of me that *I should be king over this people*. ³And take with thee ten loaves, and spice-cakes, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child. ⁴And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his age. ⁵And the Lord said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son: for he is sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself *to be another woman*.

⁶And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself *to be another*? for I am sent to thee *with heavy tidings*. ⁷Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel, ⁸And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and yet thou hast not been as my

servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do *that only which was right in mine eyes*. ⁹But hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back: ¹⁰Therefore behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male: him that is shut up and him that is left *at large* in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone. ¹¹Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dog eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the Lord hath spoken it. ¹²Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: and when thy feet enter into the city, thy child shall die. ¹³And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him: for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found *some good thing* toward the Lord God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam. ¹⁴Moreover the Lord shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: and what? even now. ¹⁵For the Lord shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the

river, because they have made their groves, provoking the Lord to anger. ¹⁴And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

¹⁵And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: *and* when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died; ¹⁶And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke by the hand of his servant Abijah the prophet.

¹⁸And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

²⁰And the days which Jeroboam reigned *were* two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

²¹And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam *was* forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the Lord did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess.

²²And Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done. ²³For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and

under every green tree. ²⁴And there were also sodomites in the land: *and* they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord cast out before the children of Israel.

²⁵And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, *that* Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem: ²⁶And he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. ²⁷And king Rehoboam made in their stead brazen shields, and committed *them* unto the hands of the chief of the guard, who kept the door of the king's house. ²⁸And it was so, when the king went into the house of the Lord, that the runners bore them, and brought them back into the runners' chamber.

²⁹Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

³⁰And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all *their* days.

³¹And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

15 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah. ²Three years reigned he

in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. ³And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father. ⁴Nevertheless for David's sake did the Lord his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem: ⁵Because David did *that which was* right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from any *thing* that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

⁶And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

⁷Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

⁸And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

⁹And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah. ¹⁰And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

¹¹And Asa did *that which was* right in the eyes of the Lord, as *did* David his father. ¹²And he took away the sodomites out of

the land, and removed all the idol that his fathers had made. ¹³And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from *being* queen because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed the idol, and burnt *it* by the brook Kidron. ¹⁴But the high place were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the Lord all his days. ¹⁵And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the Lord silver, and gold, and vessels.

¹⁶And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. ¹⁷And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. ¹⁸Then Asa took all the silver and the gold *that were* left in the treasures of the house of the Lord and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, ¹⁹*There is* a league between me and thee *and* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. ²⁰So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa and sent the captains of the host which he had against the cities

of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali. ²¹And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *thereof*, that he left off building Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah. ²²Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none was exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

²³The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

²⁴And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

²⁵And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years. ²⁶And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

²⁷And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege

to Gibbethon. ²⁸Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead. ²⁹And it came to pass, when he reigned, *that* he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of the Lord, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite: ³⁰Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the Lord God of Israel to anger.

³¹Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

³²And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

³³In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, *and reigned* twenty and four years. ³⁴And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

16 Then the word of the Lord came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, ²Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; ³Behold,

I will remove Baasha and his house; and will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. ⁴Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat.

⁵Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

⁶So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead.

⁷And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the Lord against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the Lord, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

⁸In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, *and reigned* two years.

⁹And his servant Zimri, captain of half *his* chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, steward of *his* house in Tirzah. ¹⁰And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

¹¹And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, *that* he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him not a single male, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends. ¹²Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet. ¹³For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin in provoking the Lord God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

¹⁴Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

¹⁵In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. And the people *were* encamped against Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines. ¹⁶And the people *that were* encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired and hath also slain the king; wherefore all Israel made Omri the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp. ¹⁷And Omri went up from Gibbethon and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

¹⁸And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him

with fire, and died. ¹⁸For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the Lord, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.

¹⁹Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

²⁰Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri. ²¹But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: and Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

²²In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, *and reigned* twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah. ²³And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria.

²⁴But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the Lord, and did worse than all that *were* before him. ²⁵For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

²⁶Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might

that he shewed, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

²⁷So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

²⁸And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.

²⁹And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that *were* before him.

³⁰And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. ³¹And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. ³²And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

³³In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his first-born, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

17 And Elijah the Tishbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, *As* the Lord God of Israel liveth, before

whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

²And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, ³Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan. ⁴And it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. ⁵So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan. ⁶And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. ⁷And it came to pass after some time, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

⁸And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, ⁹Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which *belongeth* to Sidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow woman *was* there gathering sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. ¹¹And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. ¹²And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in a jar, and

a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I *am* gathering two sticks that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. ¹³And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go *and* do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. ¹⁴For thus saith the Lord God of Israel The jar of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail until the day *that* the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. ¹⁵And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days. ¹⁶And the jar of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke by Elijah.

¹⁷And it came to pass after these things, *that* the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? or thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? ¹⁹And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. ²⁰And he cried unto the Lord, and said O Lord my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? ²¹And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and

cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. ²²And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother; and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. ²⁴And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou *art* a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth *is* truth.

18 And it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth. ²And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab.

And *there was* a sore famine in Samaria. ³And Ahab called Obadiah, who *was* governor of *his* house. (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly: ⁴For it was *so*, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.) ⁵And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts. ⁶So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and

Obadiah went another way by himself.

⁷And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, *Art* thou my lord Elijah? ⁸And he answered him, I *am*: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*. ⁹And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me? ¹⁰As the Lord thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, *He is not there*; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not. ¹¹And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*. ¹²And it shall come to pass, *as soon as* I am gone from thee, that the spirit of the Lord shall carry thee whither I know not; and *so* when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the Lord from my youth. ¹³Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the Lord, how I hid a hundred men of the Lord's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? ¹⁴And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*: and he shall slay me. ¹⁵And Elijah said, As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to-day.

¹⁶So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab

went to meet Elijah. ¹⁷And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, *Art thou he that troubleth Israel?* ¹⁸And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed the Baalim. ¹⁹Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, who eat at Jezebel's table.

²⁰So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. ²¹And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

²²Then said Elijah unto the people, I, *even* I only, remain a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men. ²³Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*: ²⁴And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

²⁵And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress *it* first; for ye *are* many; and call on the name of your god: but put no fire *under*. ²⁶And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But *there was* no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped about the altar which was made. ²⁷And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he *is* a god; either he is talking, or he is retiring, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. ²⁸And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. ²⁹And it came to pass when midday was past, and the propheties until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any attention.

³⁰And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord *that was* broken down. ³¹And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the Lord came saying, Israel shall be thy name. ³²And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord, and he made a trench about the

altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed. ³³And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid it on the wood, ³⁴And he said, Fill four jars with water, and let them pour it upon the burnt-offering and upon the wood. And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time. ³⁵And the water ran about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

³⁶And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. ³⁷Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. ³⁸Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt-sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. ³⁹And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God. ⁴⁰And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

⁴¹And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. ⁴²So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he prostrated himself upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, ⁴³And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. ⁴⁴And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Harness up thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. ⁴⁵And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds, and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. ⁴⁶And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal, how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to-morrow about this time.

³And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which be-

longeth to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper-tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I *am* not better than my fathers.

⁵And as he lay and slept under a juniper-tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise *and* eat. ⁶And he looked, and, behold, *there was* a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. ⁷And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise *and* eat; because the journey *is* too great for thee. ⁸And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meal forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

⁹And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord *came* to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? ¹⁰And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. ¹¹And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord.

And, behold, the Lord *passed* by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord; *but* the Lord *was* not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the Lord *was* not in the earthquake: ¹²And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the Lord *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. ¹³And it was so, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave. And, behold, *there came* a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? ¹⁴And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

¹⁵And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael *to* be king over Syria: ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint *to* be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint *to* be prophet in thy room. ¹⁷And it shall come to pass, *that* him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shalt Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shalt Elisha slay. ¹⁸Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto

Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

¹⁹So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

²¹And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

20 And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it. ²And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Ben-hadad, Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine. ⁴And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I have.

⁵And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh

Ben-hadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children; ⁶Yet I will send my servants unto thee to-morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it away.

⁷Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not. ⁸And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not unto him, nor consent. ⁹Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

¹⁰And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me.

¹¹And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his armour boast himself as he that putteth it off.

¹²And it came to pass, when Ben-hadad heard this message, as he was drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, that he

said unto his servants, Set *yourselves in array*. And they set *themselves in array* against the city.

¹³And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I *am* the Lord. ¹⁴And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the Lord, *Even* by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall begin the battle? And he answered, Thou.

¹⁵Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two: and after them he numbered all the people, *even* all the children of Israel *being* seven thousand. ¹⁶And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad *was* drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him. ¹⁷And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria. ¹⁸And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.

¹⁹So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them. ²⁰And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued

them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with the horsemen. ²¹And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

²²And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.

²³And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods *are* gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. ²⁴And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms: ²⁵And number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot and we will fight against them in the plain, *and* surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

²⁶And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel. ²⁷And the children of Israel were numbered, and were provided, and went against them and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.

²⁸And there came a man o

God, and spoke unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the Lord, Because the Syrians have said, The Lord *is* God of the hills, but he *is* not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this ~~great~~ multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord.

²⁰And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And ~~so~~ it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians a hundred thousand footmen in one day. ³⁰But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and ~~there~~ a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men ~~that were~~ left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.

³¹And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel *are* merciful kings: let us. I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life. ³²So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and *put* ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, *Is* he yet alive? he *is* my brother.

³³Now the men divined, and trusted to ascertain whether it ~~was~~ he: and they said, *It is* thy brother Ben-hadad. Then he said, *Kio* ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he

caused him to come up into the chariot. ³⁴And Ben-hadad said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then ~~said~~ Ahab, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

³⁵And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour by the word of the Lord, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him. ³⁶Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the Lord, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him. ³⁷Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded him.

³⁸So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face. ³⁹And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. ⁴⁰And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him,

So *shall* thy judgment *be*; thyself hast decided it. ⁴¹And he hastened, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he *was* of the prophets. ⁴²And he said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Because thou hast let go out of *thy* hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people. ⁴³And the king of Israel went to his house sad and displeased, and came to Samaria.

21 And it came to pass after these things, *that* Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which *was* in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. ²And Ahab spoke unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it *is* near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; *or*, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money. ³And Naboth said to Ahab, The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee. ⁴And Ahab came into his house sad and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

⁵But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest

no bread? ⁶And he said unto her, Because I spoke unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money or else, if it please thee, I will give thee *another* vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard. ⁷And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, *and* eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

⁸So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed *them* with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles *that* were in his city, dwelling with Naboth. ⁹And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people: ¹⁰And set two men wicked men, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And *then* carry him out and stone him, that he may die.

¹¹And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city did as Jezebel had sent unto them *and* as it *was* written in the letters which she had sent unto them. ¹²They proclaimed a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people. ¹³And there came in two men, wicked men, and sat before him: and the wicked men witnessed against him *even* against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then

they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died. ¹⁴Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

¹⁵And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead. ¹⁶And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

¹⁷And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ¹⁸Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria: behold, *he* is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it. ¹⁹And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

²⁰And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord. ²¹Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab every male, and him that is shut up and left in

Israel. ²²And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation where-with thou hast provoked *me* to anger, and made Israel to sin. ²³And of Jezebel also spoke the Lord, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. ²⁴Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

²⁵But there was none like unto Ahab, who did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. ²⁶And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all *things* that the Amorites did, whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel.

²⁷And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

²⁸And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ²⁹Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

22 And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel. ²And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah

came down to the king of Israel. ³And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we *are* still, *and* take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?

⁴And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses. ⁵And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of the Lord to-day.

⁶Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king. ⁷And Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we might inquire of him? ⁸And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the Lord: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. ⁹Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten *hither* Micaiah the son of Imlah.

¹⁰And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a threshing-floor at the entrance of the

gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. ¹¹And Zedekiah the son of Che-naanah made him horns of iron, and he said, Thus saith the Lord, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them. ¹²And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the Lord shall deliver *it* into the king's hand.

¹³And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spoke unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak *that which is* good. ¹⁴And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak.

¹⁵So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the Lord shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king. ¹⁶And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but *that which is* true in the name of the Lord? ¹⁷And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the Lord said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace. ¹⁸And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would

prophecy no good concerning me, but evil?

¹⁰And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. ²⁰And the Lord said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. ²¹And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will persuade him. ²²And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also; go forth, and do so. ²³Now therefore, behold, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the Lord hath spoken evil concerning thee.

²⁴But Zedekiah the son of Che-nanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the spirit of the Lord from me to speak unto thee? ²⁵And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself. ²⁶And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; ²⁷And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water

of affliction, until I come in peace. ²⁸And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the Lord hath not spoken by me. And he said, Harken, O people, every one of you.

²⁹So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. ³⁰And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.

³¹But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel. ³²And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out. ³³And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

³⁴And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints and the armour: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.

³⁵And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the

Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.

³⁶And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

³⁷So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

³⁸And *one* washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according unto the word of the Lord which he spoke.

³⁹Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

⁴⁰So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

⁴¹And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. ⁴²Jehoshaphat *was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. ⁴³And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing *that which was* right in the eyes of the Lord: ⁴⁴Nevertheless the high places were not taken away; *for* the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high

places. ⁴⁵And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

⁴⁶Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

⁴⁷And the remnant of the sodomites, that remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

⁴⁸*There was* then no king in Edom: a deputy *was* king.

⁴⁹Jehoshaphat made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber. ⁵⁰Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.

⁵¹And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

⁵²Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel. ⁵³And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin: ⁵⁴For he served Baal, and worshipped him and provoked to anger the Lord God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

מְלָכִים ב

SECOND KINGS

1 Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that *was* in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, inquire of Baal-zehub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease. 3 But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, *Is it because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?* 4 Now therefore thus saith the Lord, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.

5 And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back? 6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, return unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, *Is it because there is not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?* therefore thou shalt not come down from that

bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. 7 And he said unto them, What manner of man *was he* that came up to meet you, and told you these words? 8 And they answered him, *He was* a hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, *It is* Elijah the Tishbite.

9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of a hill. And he spoke unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down. 10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, *If I be* a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

11 And he sent again unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly. 12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, *If I be* a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

13 And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty.

And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight. ¹⁴Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two former captains of the fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.

¹⁵And the angel of the Lord said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king. ¹⁶And he said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, *is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word?* therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

¹⁷So he died according to the word of the Lord which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.

¹⁸Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, *are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?*

2 And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said unto

Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee for the Lord hath sent me to Beth-el. And Elisha said *unto him*, As the Lord liveth, and *as thy soul liveth*, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el.

³And the sons of the prophet that *were* at Beth-el came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to-day? And he said, Yea I know *it*; hold ye your peace.

⁴And Elijah said unto him Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee for the Lord hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, *As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth*, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

⁵And the sons of the prophet that *were* at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to-day? And he answered, Yea, I know *it*; hold ye your peace.

⁶And Elijah said unto him Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me to the Jordan. And he said, *As the Lord liveth and as thy soul liveth*, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

⁷And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood over against *them* afar off: and they two stood by the Jordan. ⁸And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped *it* together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they

two went over on dry ground. *And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I am taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. ¹⁰And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

¹¹And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. ¹³He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of the Jordan; ¹⁴And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

¹⁵And the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho, at a distance, saw him and said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the

ground before him. ¹⁶And they said unto him, Behold now, there are with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the spirit of the Lord hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send. ¹⁷And when they urged him very long, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not. ¹⁸And when they came back to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

¹⁹And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is bad, and the ground barren. ²⁰And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him. ²¹And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land. ²²So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spoke.

²³And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. ²⁴And he turned back, and looked on them,

and cursed them in the name of the Lord. And there came forth two she-bears out of the wood, and tore forty and two children of them.

²³And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

3 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

²And he wrought evil in the sight of the Lord; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made. ³Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

⁴And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel a hundred thousand lambs, and a hundred thousand rams, with the wool. ⁵But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. ⁶And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel. ⁷And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses. ⁸And he said, Which way shall we go

up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom

⁹So the king of Israel went and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they made a circuit of seven days' journey and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them. ¹⁰And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the Lord hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab! ¹¹But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord, that we may inquire of the Lord by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, who poured water on the hands of Elijah. ¹²And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the Lord is with him.

So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him. ¹³And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the Lord hath called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab. ¹⁴And Elisha said, As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, would not look toward thee, nor see thee. ¹⁵But now bring me a minstrel.

And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hum

of the Lord came upon him. ¹⁶And he said, Thus saith the Lord, Make this valley full of ditches. ¹⁷For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. ¹⁸And this is but a light thing in the sight of the Lord: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand. ¹⁹And ye shall smite every fortified city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.

²⁰And it came to pass in the morning, when the meal-offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

²¹And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armour, and upward, and stood on the horder. ²²And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood: ²³And they said, This is blood; the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil.

²⁴And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but they went forward smiting the

Moabites, even in *their* country. ²⁵And they destroyed the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: only in Kir-hareseth left they the stones thereof; but the slingers went about it, and smote it.

²⁶And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through unto the king of Edom: but they could not. ²⁷Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt-offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to *their own* land.

4 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen. ²And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil. ³Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, *even* empty vessels; borrow not a few. ⁴And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon

thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full. ⁵So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her; and she poured out. ⁶And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, *There is not a vessel more.* And the oil stayed. ⁷Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

⁸And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where *was* a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, *that* as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. ⁹And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, that passeth by us continually. ¹⁰Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

¹¹And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there. ¹²And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him. ¹³And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us

with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. ¹⁴And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old. ¹⁵And he said, Call her. And when he called her, she stood in the door. ¹⁶And he said, About this season, at the same time next year, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, *thou* man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.

¹⁷And the woman conceived, and bore a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, at the same time next year.

¹⁸And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. ¹⁹And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother. ²⁰And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died. ²¹And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out. ²²And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come back. ²³And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to-day? *it is* neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be well*

²⁴Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward: slack not *thy* riding for me, except I bid thee.

²⁵So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, *yonder is that Shunammite*: ²⁶Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child?* And she answered, *It is well*.

²⁷And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul *is* vexed within her: and the Lord hath hid *it* from me, and hath not told me. ²⁸Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me? ²⁹Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, greet him not; and if any greet thee, answer him not: and lay my staff upon the face of the child. ³⁰And the mother of the child said, *As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee*. And he arose, and followed her.

³¹And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but *there was* neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went back to meet him,

and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

³²And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed.

³³He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the Lord. ³⁴And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. ³⁵Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. ³⁶And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son. ³⁷Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

³⁸And Elisha came back to Gilgal: and *there was* a famine in the land; and the sons of the prophets *were* sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe the pottage for the sons of the prophets. ³⁹And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred *them* into the pot of pottage: for they knew *them* not. ⁴⁰So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as

they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, *there is death in the pot*. And they could not eat *thereof*. ⁴¹But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast *it* into the pot, and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

⁴²And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in his bag. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat. ⁴³And his attendant said, What, should I set this before a hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat for thus saith the Lord, They shall eat, and shall leave *thereof*. ⁴⁴So he set *it* before them, and they did eat, and left *thereof* according to the word of the Lord.

5 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, *but he was a leper*.

²And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had carried away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife. ³And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord *were* with the prophet that *is* in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

And *one* went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that *is* of the land of Israel. ⁵And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel.

And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of raiment. ⁶And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter *is* come unto thee, behold, I have *therewith* sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.

⁷And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

⁸And it was *so*, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there *is* a prophet in Israel. ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

¹⁰And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. ¹¹But Naaman was wroth, and went

away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and recover the leper. ¹²*Are not Abana and Parpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean?* So he turned and went away in a rage.

¹³And his servants came near, and spoke unto him, and said, My father, *if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldst thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?* ¹⁴Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came back like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

¹⁵And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that *there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a present of thy servant.* ¹⁶But he said, *As the Lord liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none.* And he urged him to take it; but he refused. ¹⁷And Naaman said, *Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt-offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the Lord.*

¹⁸In this thing the Lord pardon

thy servant, *that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the Lord pardon thy servant in this thing.* ¹⁹And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him some way.

²⁰But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, *as the Lord liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.* ²¹So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, *Is all well?* ²²And he said, *All is well.* My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there are come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments. ²³And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and hound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bore them before him. ²⁴And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and deposited them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

²⁵But he went in, and stood

before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence *comest thou*, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went not hither or thither. ²⁶And he said unto him, Went not mine heart *with thee*, when the man turned from his chariot to meet thee? *Is it* a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and men-servants, and maid-servants? ²⁷The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper *as white* as snow.

6 And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us. ²Let us go, we pray thee, unto the Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye. ³And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go. ⁴So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down wood. ⁵But as one was felling a beam, the axe-head fell into the water: and he cried and said, Alas master! for it was borrowed. ⁶And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast *it* in thither; and the iron did swim. ⁷And he said, Take *it* up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

⁸And the king of Syria warred

against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my camp. ⁹And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. ¹⁰And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

¹¹Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not tell me who of us *is* for the king of Israel? ¹²And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that *is* in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bed-chamber. ¹³And he said, Go and spy where *he is*, that I may send and fetch him.

And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan. ¹⁴Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. ¹⁵And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, a host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? ¹⁶And he answered, Fear not: for they that *are* with us *are* more than they that *are* with them.

¹⁷And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. ¹⁸And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. ¹⁹And Elisha said unto them, This *is* not the way, neither *is* this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. And he led them to Samaria.

²⁰And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, Lord, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see. And the Lord opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, *they were* in the midst of Samaria. ²¹And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite *them*? shall I smite *them*? ²²And he answered, Thou shalt not smite *them*: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. ²³And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the hands of Syria came no more into the land

of Israel.

²⁴And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria. ²⁵And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head *was* sold for fourscore *pieces* of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five *pieces* of silver. ²⁶And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king. ²⁷And he said, If the Lord do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barn-floor, or out of the wine-press? ²⁸And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to-day, and we will eat my son to-morrow. ²⁹So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son.

³⁰And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, *he had* sackcloth within upon his flesh. ³¹Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.

³²Now Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and *the king* sent a man from before

him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: *is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?* ³³And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil *is* of the Lord; why should I wait for the Lord any longer?

7 Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord, To-morrow about this time *shall* a measure of fine flour *be sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. ²Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, *if* the Lord would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see *it* with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

³And there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? ⁴If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall *but* die.

⁵And they rose up in the twi-

light, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, *there was* no man there. ⁶For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, *even* the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us. ⁷Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, *even* the camp as it *was*, and fled for their life.

⁸And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid *it*; and came back, and entered into another tent, and carried thence *also*, and went and hid *it*. ⁹Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day *is* a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, punishment will overtake us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

¹⁰So they came and called unto the gate-keepers of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, *there was* no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they *were*.

¹¹And the gate-keepers called out and told it to the king's house within. ¹²And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we are hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.

¹³And one of his servants answered and said, Let *some* take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (behold, they *are* as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, *I say*, they *are* even as all the multitude of Israel that are consumed:) and let us send and see. ¹⁴They took therefore two chariots with horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.

¹⁵And they went after them unto the Jordan: and, lo, all the way *was* full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king. ¹⁶And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was *sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the Lord.

¹⁷And the king appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate:

and the people trod upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him. ¹⁸And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to-morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria: ¹⁹And that captain answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, *if* the Lord should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof. ²⁰And so it fell out unto him: for the people trod upon him in the gate, and he died.

8 Then spoke Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the Lord hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years. ²And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

³And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land. ⁴And the king talked with Gehazi the

servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done. ⁵And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this *is* the woman, and this *is* her son, whom Elisha restored to life. ⁶And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that *was* hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

⁷And Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither. ⁸And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of the Lord by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

⁹So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease? ¹⁰And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the Lord hath shewn me that he shall surely die. ¹¹And he settled

his countenance steadfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.

¹²And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strongholds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child. ¹³And Hazael said, But what, *is* thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The Lord hath shewn me that thou *shalt be* king over Syria.

¹⁴So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master: who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me *that* thou shouldest surely recover.

¹⁵And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a coverlet, and dipped *it* in water, and spread *it* on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

¹⁶And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat *being* then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign. ¹⁷Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. ¹⁸And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in

the sight of the Lord. ¹⁹Yet the Lord would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him always a light, and to his children.

²⁰In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves.

²¹So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him; and he rose by night, and smote the Edomites that compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents. ²²Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

²³And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

²⁴And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

²⁵In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.

²⁶Two and twenty years old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel.

²⁷And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the Lord, as *did* the house of Ahab: for he

was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

²⁸And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram. ²⁹And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

9 And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this flask of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead: ²And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber; ³Then take the flask of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the Lord, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.

⁴So the young man, *even* the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead. ⁵And when he came, behold, the captains of the host *were* sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of us all? And he said, To thee, O captain. ⁶And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto

him, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the Lord, *even* over Israel. And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the Lord, at the hand of Jezebel. ⁸For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab every male, him that is shut up and him that is at large in Israel: ⁹And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah: ¹⁰And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and *there shall be* none to bury *her*. And he opened the door, and fled.

¹¹Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and *one* said unto him, *Is* all well? wherefore came this mad *fellow* to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man, and his talk. ¹²And they said, *It is* false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spoke he to me, saying, Thus saith the Lord, I have anointed thee king over Israel. ¹³Then they hastened, and took every man his garment, and put *it* under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king.

¹⁴So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept guard at Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael

king of Syria. ¹⁵But king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If it be your mind, *then* let none go forth *nor* escape out of the city to go to tell *it* in Jezreel.

¹⁶So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram.

¹⁷And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, *Is it* peace?

¹⁸So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not back.

¹⁹Then he sent out a second on horseback, who came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. ²⁰And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not back: and the driving *is* like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously.

²¹And Jehoram said, Harness up. And his chariot was harnessed

up. And Jehoram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

²²And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, *Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the harlotry of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?*

²³And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, *There is treachery, O Ahaziah.*

²⁴And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot. ²⁵Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, *Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the Lord uttered this decree over him. ²⁶Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the Lord; and I will requite thee in this plot, saith the Lord. Now therefore take and cast him into the plot of ground, according to the word of the Lord.*

²⁷But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw *this*, he fled by the way of the garden-house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, *Smite him also in the chariot. And they did so at the going up*

to Gur, which *is* by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there. ²⁸And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.

²⁹And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

³⁰And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her eyes, and attired her head, and looked out at the window. ³¹And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, *Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?* ³²And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, *Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.* ³³And he said, *Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trod her under foot.*

³⁴And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, *Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter.*

³⁵And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of *her* hands. ³⁶And they came back, and told him. And he said, *This is the word of the Lord, which he spoke by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel: ³⁷And the carcass of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the*

field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

10 And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children, saying, ²Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's sons *are* with you, and *there are* with you chariots and horses, a fortified city also, and armour; ³Look even out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house. ⁴But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?

⁵And he that *was* over the house, and he that *was* over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying, We *are* thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou *that which is* good in thine eyes.

⁶Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye *be* mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by tomorrow this time.

Now the king's sons, *being* seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, who brought them up. ⁷And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's

sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent *them* to him to Jezreel.

⁸And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until the morning.

⁹And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye *are* righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who slew all these? ¹⁰Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the Lord, which the Lord spoke concerning the house of Ahab: for the Lord hath done *that* which he spoke by his servant Elijah.

¹¹So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his friends, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

¹²And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. And as he *was* at the house of the gathering of the shepherds, in the way, ¹³Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who *are* ye? And they answered, We *are* the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down to greet the children of the king and the children of the queen. ¹⁴And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the gathering-house, *even* two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

¹⁶And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab *coming* to meet him; and he greeted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It certainly is, give *me* thine hand. And he gave *him* his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot. ¹⁶And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the Lord. So they made him ride in his chariot.

¹⁷And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the Lord, which he spoke to Elijah.

¹⁸And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; *but* Jehu shall serve him much. ¹⁹Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice *to do* to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did *it* in subtlety, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal. ²⁰And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed *it*. ²¹And Jehu went through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.

²²And he said unto him that *was* over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments. ²³And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the Lord, but the worshippers of Baal only. ²⁴And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt-offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, *If* any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, *he that letteth him go, his life shall be* for the life of him.

²⁵And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, that Jehu said to the runners and to the captains, Go in, *and* slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the runners and the captains cast *them* out, and went to the city of the house of Baal. ²⁶And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them. ²⁷And they broke down the image of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal, and made it a place of refuge unto this day.

²⁸Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel. ²⁹Howbeit *from* the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, *to wit*, the golden calves that *were*

in Bet-el, and that *were* in Dan.

³⁰And the Lord said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing *that which is right* in mine eyes, *and* hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel. ³¹But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the Lord God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, who made Israel to sin.

³²In those days the Lord began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the borders of Israel; ³³From the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.

³⁴Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

³⁵And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead. ³⁶And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria *was* twenty and eight years.

11 And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. ²But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took

Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons *that were* slain; and they hid him, *even* him and his nurse, in the bed-chamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. ³And he was with her hid in the house of the Lord six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.

⁴And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, and the guards and the runners, and brought them to him into the house of the Lord, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the Lord, and shewed them the king's son. ⁵And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house; ⁶And a third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the runners: so shall ye keep the watch of the house, that it be not broken down. ⁷And two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the Lord about the king. ⁸And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh to the ranks, let him be slain: and be ye with the king as he goeth out and as he cometh in.

⁹And the captains over the hundreds did according to all *things* that Jehoiada the priest com-

manded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest. ¹⁰And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give the king David's spears and shields, that were in the temple of the Lord. ¹¹And the runners stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple. ¹²And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony: and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, Long live the king.

¹³And when Athaliah heard the noise of the runners and of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the Lord. ¹⁴And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the manner was, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, treason.

¹⁵But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, Have her forth without the ranks: and him that followeth her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the Lord. ¹⁶And they made room for

her; and she went by the way by which the horses came into the king's house: and there was she slain.

¹⁷And Jehoiada made a covenant between the Lord and the king and the people, that they should be the Lord's people; between the king also and the people. ¹⁸And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and broke it down; his altars and his images broke they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Matatan the priest of Baal before the altars.

And the priest appointed officers over the house of the Lord. ¹⁹And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the guards, and the runners, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the Lord, and came by the way of the gate of the runners to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings. ²⁰And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword beside the king's house.

12 Seven years old was Jehoash when he began to reign. ¹In the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

²And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the Lord all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him. ⁴But the

high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

⁸And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the Lord, *even* the money of every one that passeth *the account*, the money that every man is set at, *and* all the money that cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the Lord, ⁹Let the priests take *it* to them, every man of his acquaintance; and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found.

⁷But it was *so*, *that* in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house. ¹⁰Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the *other* priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no *more* money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.

⁹And the priests consented to receive no *more* money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.

¹⁰But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the Lord: and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money *that was* brought into the house of the Lord. ¹¹And it was *so*,

when they saw that *there was* much money in the chest, *that* the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and counted the money: that was found in the house of the Lord. ¹²And they gave the money, being counted, into the hands of them that did the work that had the oversight of the house of the Lord: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the Lord, ¹³And to masons and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the Lord, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair *it*.

¹⁴Howbeit there were not made for the house of the Lord bowls of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money *that was* brought into the house of the Lord: ¹⁵But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith of the house of the Lord. ¹⁶Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

¹⁷The money for trespass-offerings, and the money for sin-offerings, was not brought into the house of the Lord: it was the priests'.

¹⁸Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

¹⁹And Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold *that was* found in the treasures of the house of the Lord, and in the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem.

²⁰And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

²¹And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew Joash in the house of Millo, which goeth down to Silla. ²²For Joazabab the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

13 In the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned seventeen years. ²And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the Lord, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom. ³And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand

of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days.

⁴And Jehoahaz besought the Lord, and the Lord hearkened unto him: for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. ⁵(And the Lord gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as before-time. ⁶Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, but walked therein: and there remained the grove also in Samaria.) ⁷Neither did he leave of the people of Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust of the threshing.

⁸Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

⁹And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his stead.

¹⁰In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned sixteen years. ¹¹And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the Lord; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin: but he walked therein.

¹²And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

¹³And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

¹⁴Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. ¹⁵And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows. ¹⁶And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. ¹⁷And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them. ¹⁸And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed. ¹⁹And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldst have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till

thou hadst consumed it: wherein now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.

²⁰And Elisha died, and they buried him.

And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. ²¹And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

²²But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. ²³And the Lord was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.

²⁴And Hazael king of Syria died; and Ben-hadad his son reigned in his stead.

²⁵And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

14 In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah. ²He was twenty and five years old when

he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name ~~was~~ Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. ¹⁰And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the Lord, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did. ¹¹Howbeit the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places.

¹²And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants that had slain the king his father. ¹³But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the Lord commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

¹⁴He slew of Edom in the Valley of Salt ten thousand, and took Sela by war, and called the name of it Joktheel unto this day.

¹⁵Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in face. ¹⁶And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son for a wife: and there passed by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trod down the thistle. ¹⁷Thou

hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory in *this*, and tarry at home: for why shouldest thou meddle with misfortune, that thou shouldest fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee? ¹⁸But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah. ¹⁹And Judah was smitten before Israel; and they fled every man to his tent.

²⁰And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits. ²¹And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house, and the hostages, and returned to Samaria.

²²Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

²³And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

²⁴And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz

king of Israel fifteen years.

¹⁸And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

¹⁹Now they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there. ²⁰And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

²¹And all the people of Judah took Azariah, who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. ²²He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

²³In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, *and reigned* forty and one years. ²⁴And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the Lord; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. ²⁵He restored the border of Israel from the entrance of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the Lord God of Israel, which he spoke by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, who *was* of Gath-hepher. ²⁶For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, *that it was* very bitter: for *there was* none shut up, nor left at large, and there was no helper

for Israel. ²⁷And the Lord said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

²⁸Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, *which belonged to* Judah, for Israel, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

²⁹And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, *even* with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

15 In the twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign. ²Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jecholiah of Jerusalem. ³And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah had done; ⁴Save that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places. ⁵And the Lord smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in an isolated house. And Jotham the king's son *was* over the house, judging the people of the land.

⁶And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, *are*

they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

⁷So Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

⁸In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in Samaria six months. ⁹And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of the Lord, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

¹⁰And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

¹¹And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

¹²This *was* the word of the Lord which he spoke unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth generation. And so it came to pass.

¹³Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned the space of a month in Samaria.

¹⁴And Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria,

and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

¹⁵And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

¹⁶Then Menahem smote Tiph-sah, and all that *were* therein, and the borders thereof from Tir-zah: because they opened not to *him*, therefore he smote *it*; and all the women therein that were with child he ripped up.

¹⁷In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, and reigned ten years in Samaria. ¹⁸And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of the Lord: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

¹⁹And Pul the king of Assyria came against the land; and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand. ²⁰And Menahem exacted the money of Israel, *even* of all the mighty men of the army, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and stayed not there in the land.

²¹And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

²²And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

²³In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned two years.* ²⁴And he did *that which was evil* in the sight of the Lord: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

²⁵And Pekah the son of Remaliah, a captain of his, conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the palace of the king's house, with Argob and Arieah, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in his room.

²⁶And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they *are written* in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

²⁷In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned twenty years.* ²⁸And he did *that which was evil* in the sight of the Lord: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

²⁹In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria.

³⁰And Hoshea the son of Elai made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

³¹And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they *are written* in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

³²In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel began Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign.

³³Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok. ³⁴And he did *that which was right* in the sight of the Lord: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. ³⁵Howbeit the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of the Lord.

³⁶Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, *are they not written* in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

³⁷In those days the Lord began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah.

³⁸And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

16 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign. ²Twenty years old *was* Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not *that which was right* in the sight of the Lord his God, like David his father. ³But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations, whom the Lord cast out from before the children of Israel. ⁴And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

⁵Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome *him*.

⁶At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath for Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath and dwelt there unto this day.

⁷So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I *am* thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against me. ⁸And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria. ⁹And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for

the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried *the people of it* captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

¹⁰And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that *was* at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof. ¹¹And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made it before king Ahaz came from Damascus. ¹²And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon. ¹³And he burnt his burnt-offering and his meal-offering, and poured his drink-offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace-offerings, upon the altar. ¹⁴And he brought also the brazen altar, which *was* before the Lord, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the Lord, and put it on the north side of the altar.

¹⁵And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt-offering, and the evening meal-offering, and the king's burnt-sacrifice, and his meal-offering, with the burnt-offering of all the people of the land, and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt-offer-

ing, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brazen altar shall be for me to visit occasionally. ¹⁶Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

¹⁷And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea from off the brazen oxen that *were* under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones. ¹⁸And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the Lord for the king of Assyria.

¹⁹Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

²⁰And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

17 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel, and *reigned* nine years. ²And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of the Lord, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

³Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea become his servant, and gave him presents.

⁴And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of

Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as *he had done* year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

⁵Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. ⁶In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

⁷For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, ⁸And walked in the statutes of the nations, whom the Lord cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. ⁹And the children of Israel did secretly *those things* that *were* not right against the Lord their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city. ¹⁰And they set them up pillars and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree: ¹¹And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as *did* the nations whom the Lord carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the Lord to anger: ¹²And they served idols, whereof the Lord

had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. ¹³Yet the Lord testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. ¹⁴Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their neck, like to the neck of their fathers, who did not believe in the Lord their God. ¹⁵And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the nations that were round about them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them. ¹⁶And they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Bael. ¹⁷And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger. ¹⁸Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. ¹⁹Also Judah kept not the commandments of the Lord their God, but

walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. ²⁰And the Lord rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. ²¹For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drove Israel from following the Lord, and made them sin a great sin. ²²For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; ²³Until the Lord removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

²⁴And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

²⁵And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the Lord: therefore the Lord sent lions among them, which slew some of them. ²⁶Wherefore they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, be-

cause they know not the manner of the God of the land.

²⁷Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye carried away from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.

²⁸Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the Lord. ²⁹Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put *them* in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt. ³⁰And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, ³¹And the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adramelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. ³²So they feared the Lord, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. ³³They feared the Lord, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whence they had been carried away.

³⁴Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the Lord, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the Lord

commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel; ³⁵With whom the Lord had made a covenant and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them: ³⁶But the Lord, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice. ³⁷And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods. ³⁸And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods. ³⁹But the Lord your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. ⁴⁰Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner.

⁴¹So these nations feared the Lord, while they also served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children, as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

18 Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. ²Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name *was* Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.

⁴And he did *that which was right* in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father did. ⁵He removed the high places, and broke the images, and cut down the groves, and broke in pieces the brazen serpent that *Moses* had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan. ⁶He trusted in the Lord God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *any* that were before him. ⁷For he clove to the Lord, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses. ⁸And the Lord was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth; and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not. ⁹He smote the Philistines, *even* unto Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city.

¹⁰And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which *was* the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it. ¹¹And at the end of three years they took it: *even* in the sixth year of Hezekiah, *that is* the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. ¹²And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes: ¹³Be-

cause they obeyed not the voice of the Lord their God, but transgressed his covenant, *and* all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded, and would not hear *them*, nor do *them*.

¹⁴Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and took them. ¹⁵And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. ¹⁶And Hezekiah gave *him* all the silver that was found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house. ¹⁷At that time did Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the doors of the temple of the Lord, and *from* the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

¹⁸And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rab-saris and Rab-shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which *is* in the highway of the fuller's field. ¹⁹And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the

scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder. ¹⁹And Rab-shakeh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest? ²⁰Thou sayest, (but *they are but vain words*,) *I have counsel and strength for the war.* Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me? ²¹Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, *even upon Egypt*, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him. ²²But if ye say unto me, We trust in the Lord our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? ²³Now therefore, I pray thee, make a wager with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. ²⁴How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? ²⁵Am I now come up without the Lord against this place to destroy it? The Lord said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

²⁶Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rab-shakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian

language; for we understand *it*, and talk not with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall. ²⁷But Rab-shakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee, to speak these words? *hath he not sent me to the men that sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own urine with you?* ²⁸Then Rab-shakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spoke, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria: ²⁹Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand: ³⁰Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria: ³¹Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make *an agreement* with me by a present, and come out to me, and *then* eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern: ³²Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive oil and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The Lord will deliver us. ³³Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of

the hand of the king of Assyria? ¹⁴Where *are* the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand? ¹⁵Who *are* they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand?

¹⁶But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

¹⁷Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

19 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord. ²And he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. ³And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there* *is* not strength to bring forth. ⁴It may be the Lord thy God will hear all the words of Rab-shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the Lord thy

God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that are left.

⁵So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. ⁶And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the Lord, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. ⁷Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

⁸So Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

⁹And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying, ¹⁰Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. ¹¹Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered? ¹²Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden that *were* in Thelassar? ¹³Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad,

and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

¹⁴And Hezekiah received the letters of the hand of the messengers, and read them: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the Lord, and spread them before the Lord. ¹⁵And Hezekiah prayed before the Lord, and said, O Lord God of Israel, who dwellest *between* the cherubim, thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

¹⁶Lord, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, Lord, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he hath sent to reproach the living God. ¹⁷Of a truth, Lord, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands, ¹⁸And have cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them. ¹⁹Now therefore, O Lord our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the Lord God, *even* thou only.

²⁰Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, *That* which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard. ²¹This *is* the word that the Lord hath spoken concerning him;

The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head

at thee. ²²Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted *thy* voice, and lifted up thine eye on high? *even* against the Holy One of Israel. ²³By thy messengers thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar-trees thereof, *and* the choice fir-trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders *and into* the forest of his fruitful soil. ²⁴I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up *all* the rivers of besieged places.

²⁵Hast thou not heard *how* have done it long ago, *and* formed it of ancient times? now have brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fortified cities *into* ruin heaps. ²⁶Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the house tops, and *as* corn blasted before it is grown up.

²⁷But I know thy sitting down and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me. ²⁸Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest

²⁹And this *shall be* a sign unto

see, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which bringeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof. ²⁰And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the salvation of the Lord of hosts shall do this.

²¹Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, he shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor set a mound against it. ²²By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the Lord. ²³For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

²⁴And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

²⁵So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

²⁶And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of his god, that Adram-elech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and

they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

20 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him. Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. ²Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Lord, saying, ³I beseech thee, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is good* in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

⁴And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁵Return, and tell Hezekiah the prince of my people, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the Lord. ⁶And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. ⁷And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

⁸And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What *shall be* the sign that the Lord will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the Lord the third day? ⁹And

Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees? ¹⁰And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow turn backward ten degrees. ¹¹And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the Lord: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

¹²At that time Berodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. ¹³And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and *all* the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

¹⁴Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, *even* from Babylon. ¹⁵And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All *the things* that *are* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewn them.

¹⁶And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord.

¹⁷Behold, the days come, that that *is* in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord. ¹⁸And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, whom thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. ¹⁹Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good is the word of the Lord which thou hast spoken. And he said, *Is it good*, if peace and truth be in days?

²⁰And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into city, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

²¹And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

21 Manasseh *was* twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hephzi-bah. ²And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the Lord, after the abominations of the nations, which the Lord cast out before the children of Israel. ³For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed, and he reared up altars for Baal and made a grove, as did A

ing of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. ⁴And he built altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. ⁵And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord. ⁶And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the Lord, to provoke *him* to anger. ⁷And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the Lord said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: ⁸Neither will I shake the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them. ⁹But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the Lord destroyed before the children of Israel. ¹⁰And the Lord spoke by his servants the prophets, saying, ¹¹Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, so were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his

idols: ¹²Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing *such* evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. ¹³And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping *it*, and turning *it* upside down. ¹⁴And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; ¹⁵Because they have done *that which* was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.

¹⁶Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; besides his sin where-with he made Judah to sin, in doing *that which* was evil in the sight of the Lord.

¹⁷Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

¹⁸And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

¹⁹Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jeru-

salem. And his mother's name *was* Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. ²⁰And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the Lord, as his father Manasseh did. ²¹And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them: ²²And he forsook the Lord God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the Lord.

²³And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his own house. ²⁴And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

²⁵Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

²⁶And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

22 Josiah *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Bozath. ²And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

³And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *that* the king sent Shaphan the

son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the Lord, saying, 'Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that I may sum the money which is brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people: ⁵And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work that have the oversight of the house of the Lord: and let them give it to the doers of the work that *are* in the house of the Lord to repair the breaches of the house, ⁶Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house. ⁷Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered in to their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

⁸And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, 'I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

⁹And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought back word to the king, and said, 'The servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the Lord. ¹⁰And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. ¹¹And it came to pass, when the king had heard

the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. ¹²And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying, ¹³Go ye, inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

¹⁴So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second part;) and they communed with her. ¹⁵And she said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, ¹⁶Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read: ¹⁷Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched. ¹⁸But to the king of

Judah who sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, *As touching* the words which thou hast heard; ¹⁹Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the Lord, when thou heardest what I spoke against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard *thee*, saith the Lord. ²⁰Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place.

And they brought back word to the king.

23 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. ²And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord. ³And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all *their* heart and all *their* soul, to perform the words of this covenant

that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

⁴And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth-el. ⁵And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. ⁶And he brought out the grove from the house of the Lord, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people. ⁷And he broke down the houses of the sodomites, that *were* by the house of the Lord, where the women wove tents for the grove. ⁸And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba, and broke down the high places of the gates that *were* in the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of

the city, which *were* on a man's left hand at the gate of the city. ⁹Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the Lord in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.

¹⁰And he defiled Topheth, which *is* in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech. ¹¹And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entrance of the house of the Lord, by the chamber of Nethan-melech the chamberlain, which *was* in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire. ¹²And the altars that *were* on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the Lord, did the king beat down, and broke *them* down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron. ¹³And the high places that *were* before Jerusalem, which *were* on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile. ¹⁴And he broke in pieces the pillars, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

¹⁶Moreover the altar that *was* at Beth-el, *and* the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down, and burned the high place, *and* stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove. ¹⁷And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that *were* there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned *them* upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the Lord which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words. ¹⁸Then he said, What monument *is* that which I see? And the men of the city told him, *It is* the sepulchre of the man of God, who came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Beth-el. ¹⁹And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria. ²⁰And all the houses also of the high places that *were* in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *the Lord* to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el. ²¹And he slew all the priests of the high places that *were* there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

²²And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the pass-

over unto the Lord your God, as *it is* written in the book of this covenant. ²³Surely there was not held such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah; ²⁴But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *wherein* this passover was held to the Lord in Jerusalem. ²⁵Moreover the *men* of familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord.

²⁶And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there *any* like him.

²⁷Notwithstanding the Lord turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal. ²⁸And the Lord said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

²⁹Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, *are*

they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

²⁹In his days Pharaoh-nechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at Megiddo, when he had seen him.

³⁰And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre.

And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

³¹Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

³²And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done.

³³And Pharaoh-nechoh put him in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put a fine upon the land of a hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

³⁴And Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.

³⁵And Jehoiakim gave the sil-

ver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Pharaoh-nechoh.

³⁶Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. ³⁷And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done.

24 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.

²And the Lord sent against him bands of the Chaldeans, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke by his servants the prophets. ³Surely at the commandment of the Lord came *this* upon Judah, to remove *them* out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; ⁴And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the Lord would not pardon.

⁵Now the rest of the acts of

Jehoiakim, and all that he did, *are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?*

⁸So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

⁹And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

¹⁰Jehoiachin *was* eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name *was* Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. ¹¹And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father had done.

¹²At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city *was* besieged. ¹³And Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

¹⁴And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

¹⁵And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made

in the temple of the Lord, as the Lord had said. ¹⁶And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, *even* ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land. ¹⁷And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, *those* carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. ¹⁸And all the men of might, *even* seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, *all that were* strong and apt for war, *even* them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

¹⁹And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

²⁰Zedekiah *was* twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. ²¹And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. ²²For through the anger of the Lord it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

25 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, *that* Nebuchad-

nezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about. ²And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. ³And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land. ⁴And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldeans were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain. ⁵And the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him. ⁶So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him. ⁷And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

⁸And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem: ⁹And he burnt the house of the Lord, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire. ¹⁰And all the

army of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain of the guard, broke down the walls of Jerusalem round about. ¹¹Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away. ¹²But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen.

¹³And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the Lord, and the bases, and the brazen sea that was in the house of the Lord, did the Chaldeans break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon. ¹⁴And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. ¹⁵And the firepans, and the basins, and such things as were of gold, in gold, and of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away. ¹⁶The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the Lord; the brass of all these vessels was without weight. ¹⁷The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the capital upon it was brass: and the height of the capital three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the capital round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work.

¹⁸And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and

Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door: ¹⁹And out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, who were found in the city, and the scribe of the captain of the host, who mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land *that were found in the city*: ²⁰And Nehuzaradan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah: ²¹And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

²²And *as for* the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.

²³And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

²⁴And Gedaliah swore to them,

and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.

²⁵But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldeans that were with him at Mizpah. ²⁶And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

²⁷And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth *day* of the month, *that* Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison; ²⁸And he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings *that were with him in Babylon*; ²⁹And changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life. ³⁰And his allowance *was* a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate, all the days of his life.

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ISAIAH

1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

²Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. ³The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: *but* Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

⁴Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. ⁵Why should ye be stricken any more? why will ye revolt more and more? the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. ⁶From the sole of the foot even unto the head *there is* no soundness in it; *but* wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores: they have not been pressed out, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. ⁷Your country is desolate, your cities *are* burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and *it is* desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

⁸And the daughter of Zion is left as a hut in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a watchman's tower. ⁹Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, *and* we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. ¹¹To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats. ¹²When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? ¹³Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; call *no more* assemblies on new moons and sabbaths, I cannot bear iniquity with solemn assembly. ¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*. ¹⁵And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶Wash

you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; ¹⁷Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

¹⁸Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. ¹⁹If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: ²⁰But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

²¹How is the faithful city become a harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. ²²Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water: ²³Thy princes *are* rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

²⁴Therefore saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts, The Mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies. ²⁵And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin: ²⁶And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city. ²⁷Zion shall be

redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness. ²⁸And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners *shall* be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed. ²⁹For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen. ³⁰For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water. ³¹And the mighty shall be as tow, and his work as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench *them*.

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. ³And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴And he shall judge among the nations, and shall decide among many peoples: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

“O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. “For thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they are filled *with customs* from the east, and *are* soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers. “Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither *is there any* end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither *is there any* end of their chariots: “Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made: “And the man is bowed down, and the man is humbled: therefore forgive them not.

“Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty. “The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

“For the day of the Lord of hosts *shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty*, and upon every *one that is lifted up*; and he shall be brought low: “And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, *that are high and lifted up*, and upon all the oaks of Bashan, “And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills *that are lifted up*, “And upon every high tower, and upon every fortified wall, “And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant

pictures. “And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. “And the idols he shall utterly abolish. “And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

“In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made *each one* for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; “To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

“Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

3 For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah *every* stay and support, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water, “The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the diviner, and the elder, “The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator. “And I will give children *to be* their princes, and babes shall rule over them. “And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by

his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the elder, and the base against the honourable. ⁶When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, *saying*, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand: ⁷In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be a healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people. ⁸For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the Lord, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

⁹The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves. ¹⁰Say ye to the righteous, that *it shall be well with him*: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. ¹¹Woe unto the wicked! *it shall be ill with him*: for the reward of his hands shall be given him. ¹²As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they that lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths. ¹³The Lord standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people. ¹⁴The Lord will enter into judgment with the elders of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses. ¹⁵What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the

faces of the poor? saith the Lord God of hosts.

¹⁶Moreover the Lord saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and winking *with their eyes*, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: ¹⁷Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will uncover their secret parts.

¹⁸In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of *their tinkling ornaments about their feet*, and *their cauls*, and *their round tires like the moon*, ¹⁹The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers, ²⁰The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, ²¹The rings, and nose jewels, ²²The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the shawls, and the purses, ²³The mirrors, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils.

²⁴And it shall come to pass, *that* instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rope; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a festive garment a girdling of sackcloth; *and* burning instead of beauty.

²⁵Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war. ²⁶And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she *being* desolate shall sit upon the ground

4 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man

saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, take away our reproach.

²In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *shall be* excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. ³And it shall come to pass, *that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem*, shall be called holy, *even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem*: ⁴When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of destruction. ⁵And the Lord will create upon every dwelling-place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory *shall be* a covering. ⁶And there shall be a tabernacle for a shade in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

5 Now will I sing to my well-beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My well-beloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: ²And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a wine-press therein: and he looked that it should bring forth

grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. ⁴What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? ⁵And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; *and* break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down: ⁶And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

⁸Woe unto them that join house to house, *that lay field to field*, till *there be* no place, that ye may be placed alone in the midst of the earth! ⁹In mine ears *said* the Lord of hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, *even great and fair*, without inhabitant. ¹⁰Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of a homer shall yield an ephah.

¹¹Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, *that they may follow strong drink*; *that*

continue until night, *all* wine inflame them! ¹²And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands. ¹³Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because *they have* no knowledge: and their honourable men *are* famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. ¹⁴Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. ¹⁵And the man shall be brought down, and the man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled: ¹⁶But the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness. ¹⁷Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

¹⁸Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope: ¹⁹They say, Let him make speed, *and* hasten his work, that we may see *it*: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know *it*!

²⁰Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! ²¹Woe unto *them that are* wise in *their*

own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! ²²Woe unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: ²³That justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

²⁴Therefore as the fire devour-eth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, *so* their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

²⁵Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses *were* as dung in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

²⁶And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly: ²⁷None shall be weary nor stumble among them: none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their sandals be broken: ²⁸Whose arrows *are* sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind: ²⁹Their roaring *shall be* as a lion's, they shall roar like

young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it. ³⁰And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is darkened in the clouds thereof.

6 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. ³And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. ⁴And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the king, the Lord of hosts. ⁶Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: ⁷And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. ⁸Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall

I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. ⁹And he said, Go, and tell this people, You do hear, but understand not; you do see, but perceive not. ¹⁰Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. ¹¹Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, ¹²And the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. ¹³And should a tenth part remain, it shall again be eaten up; yet as a terebinth, and as an oak, whose stock remaineth, when they cast their leaves: so shall remain the stock of the holy seed.

7 And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it. ²And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is encamped with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

³Then said the Lord unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz,

thou, and Shear-jashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field; 'And say unto him,

Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be faint-hearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. ⁵Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying, ⁶Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, *even* the son of Tabeal: ⁷Thus saith the Lord God, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass. ⁸For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people. ⁹And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

¹⁰Moreover the Lord spoke again unto Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. ¹³And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, the young woman shall conceive, and bear a son,

and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵Butter and honey shall he eat, when he knoweth to refuse the evil, and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings. ¹⁷The Lord shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; *even* the king of Assyria.

¹⁸And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall hiss for the fly that *is* in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that *is* in the land of Assyria. ¹⁹And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes.

²⁰In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, *namely*, by them beyond the River, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

²¹And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep; ²²And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk *that* they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land.

²³And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, it

shall *even* be for briers and thorns. ²²With arrows and with bows shall *men* come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns. ²³And on all hills that shall be digged with the mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of sheep.

8 Moreover the Lord said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen, The spoil speedeth, the prey hasteth.

²And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.

³And I went unto the prophets; and she conceived, and bore a son. Then said the Lord to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz. ⁴For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

⁵The Lord spoke also unto me again, saying,

⁶Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; ⁷Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the River, strong and many, *even* the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his

banks: ⁸And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach *even* to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.

⁹Rage, O ye peoples, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.

¹⁰Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God *is* with us.

¹¹For the Lord spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, ¹²Call ye not a conspiracy all that this people shall call a conspiracy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. ¹³Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. ¹⁴And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

¹⁵And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

¹⁶Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. ¹⁷And I will wait for the Lord, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. ¹⁸Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel

from the Lord of hosts, who dwelleth in mount Zion.

¹⁰And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that whisper, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? ²⁰By the law and by the testimony! if they speak not according to this word in which *there is no light.*

²¹And they shall pass through it, hard pressed and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward. ²²And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; and *they shall be driven to darkness.* ²³For he is not weary that oppresseth her: in the former time he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and in the latter time he did more grievously afflict *her* by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

9 The people that walk in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. ²Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased their joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, *and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.* ³For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his

shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. ⁴For every battle of the warrior *is* with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but *this* shall be with burning *and* fuel of fire. ⁵For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government is upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor of the Mighty God, of the Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁶Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

⁷The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. ⁸And all the people shall know, *even* Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart, ⁹The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycamores are cut down, but we will change *them into* cedars. ¹⁰Therefore the Lord shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and stir up his enemies. ¹¹The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth.

For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

¹²For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the Lord of

hosts. ¹³Therefore the Lord will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm-branch and rush, in one day. ¹⁴The elder and the man of rank, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. ¹⁵For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed. Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall he have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for every one is a hypocrite and an evil-doer, and every mouth speaketh folly.

For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

¹⁷For wickedness burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briars and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke. ¹⁸Through the wrath of the Lord of hosts the land was burned, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother. ¹⁹And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm: ²⁰Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh; and they together shall be against Judah.

For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

10 Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and to the writers that write mischief.

²To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless! ³And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory? ⁴Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain.

For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

⁵O Assyria, the rod of mine anger, and the staff of my wrath is in their hand. ⁶I will send him against a hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. ⁷Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few. ⁸For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings? ⁹Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad? is not Samaria as Damascus? ¹⁰As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria; ¹¹Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

¹²Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath

performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks. ¹³For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done *it*, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man: ¹⁴And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs *that are left*, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or chirped.

¹⁵Shall the axe boast itself against him that saweth therewith? *or* shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake *itself* against them that lift it up, *or* as if the staff should lift up *him that is* not wood. ¹⁶Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire. ¹⁷And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day; ¹⁸And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be as eaten by moths. ¹⁹And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them *down*.

²⁰And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. ²¹The remnant shall return, *even* the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. ²²For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, *yet* a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness. ²³For the Lord God of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.

²⁴Therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt. ²⁵For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction. ²⁶And the Lord of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and as his rod *was* upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt. ²⁷And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

²⁸He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he hath laid up his baggage.

²⁰They are gone over the passage: they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeon of Saul is fled. ³⁰Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim: cause it to be heard unto Laish, O poor Anathoth. ³¹Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.

³²As yet shall he remain at Nob that day: he shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

³³Behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, shall lop the hough with terror: and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled.

³⁴And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

11 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots: ²And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; ³And he shall be filled with a spirit of the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither decide after the hearing of his ears: ⁴But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. ⁵And right-

cousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his waist. ⁶The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the basilisk's den. ⁹They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, who shall stand for an ensign of the peoples; to him shall the nations seek: and his resting-place shall be glorious.

¹¹And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

¹²And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. ¹³The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the ad-

versaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. ¹⁴But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. ¹⁵And the Lord shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the River, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make *men* go over dryshod. ¹⁶And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

12 And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. ²Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah *is* my strength and *my* song; he also *is* become my salvation.

³Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. ⁴And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the peoples, make mention that his name is exalted. ⁵Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this *is* known in all the earth. ⁶Cry out and shout,

thou inhabitant of Zion: for great *is* the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

13 The prophecy of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

²Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. ³I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, *even* them that rejoice in my highness.

⁴The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the Lord of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. ⁵They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, *even* the Lord, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

⁶Howl ye; for the day of the Lord *is* at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. ⁷Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: ⁸And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces *shall be as* flames.

⁹Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the

sinner thereof out of it. ¹⁰For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light; the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. ¹¹And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. ¹²I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man more than the pure gold of Ophir.

¹³Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. ¹⁴And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land. ¹⁵Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is taken shall fall by the sword. ¹⁶Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

¹⁷Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who shall not regard silver; and *as for* gold, they shall not delight in it. ¹⁸*Their* bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children. ¹⁹And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' excellency,

shall be as God's overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah. ²⁰It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation; neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. ²¹But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of owls; and ostriches shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there. ²²And jackals shall cry in their desolate castles, and dragons in *their* pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

14 For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. ²And the peoples shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captive, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

³And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, ⁴That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! ⁵The Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked,

the sceptre of the rulers. ⁶He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted without hindrance. ⁷The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing. ⁸Yea, the fir-trees re-joice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

⁹Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, *even* all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. ¹⁰All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? ¹¹Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

¹²How art thou fallen from heaven, O son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, who didst weaken the nations! ¹³For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the recesses of the north: ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. ¹⁵Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the lowest depth of the pit.

¹⁶They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and con-

sider thee, *saying*, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; ¹⁷*That* made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; *that* opened not the house of his prisoners? ¹⁸All the kings of the nations, *even* all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. ¹⁹But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet. ²⁰Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evil-doers shall never be renowned.

²¹Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

²²For I will rise up against them, saith the Lord of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and grandson, saith the Lord. ²³I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the Lord of hosts.

²⁴The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: ²⁵That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then

shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders. ²⁰This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. ²¹For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall annul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

²²In the year that king Ahaz died was this prophecy.

²³Rejoice not thou, whole Philistia, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent. ³⁰And the first-born of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety; and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.

³¹Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Philistia, art dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none shall remain in his abodes. ³²What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the Lord hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

15 The prophecy of Moab.

Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste, and destroyed; because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and destroyed; ²He is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the high places, to weep: Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba: on all their

heads shall be baldness, and every beard cut off. ³In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth: on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, every one shall howl, weeping abundantly. ⁴And Heshbon shall cry, and Elealeh: their voice shall be heard *even* unto Jahaz: therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out; his life shall be grievous unto him. ⁵My heart shall cry out for Moab; his fugitives shall flee unto Zoar, to Eglath-shelishija: for by the ascent of Luhith with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction. ⁶For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate: for the hay is withered away, the grass faileth, there is no green thing. ⁷Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away to the brook of the willows. ⁸For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab; the howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beer-elim. ⁹For the waters of Dimon shall be full of blood: for I will bring more upon Dimon, lions upon him that escapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

16 Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion. ²For it shall be, *that*, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of the Arnon. ³Take counsel, execute

judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; betray not him that wandereth. ⁴Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at the end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land. ⁵And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hastening righteousness. ⁶We have heard of the pride of Moab; *he is very proud: even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: but his lies shall not be so.*

⁷Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, every one shall howl: for the foundations of Kir-hareseth shall ye mourn; surely *they are stricken.* ⁸For the fields of Heshbon languish, *and the vine of Sibmah: the lords of the nations have broken down the principal plants thereof, they are come even unto Jazer, they wandered through the wilderness: her branches are stretched out, they are gone over the sea.* ⁹Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for the shouting for thy summer fruits and for thy harvest is fallen.

¹⁰And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there

be shouting: the treaders shall tread out no wine in *their* presses; I have made *their vintage* shouting to cease. ¹¹Wherefore my bowels shall sound like a harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kir-heres.

¹²And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail.

¹³This is the word that the Lord hath spoken concerning Moab since that time. ¹⁴But now the Lord hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of a hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant *shall be very small and feeble.*

17 The prophecy of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruin-heap. ²The cities of Aroer *are* forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid. ³The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the Lord of hosts.

⁴And in that day it shall come to pass, *that* the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean. ⁵And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that

gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim. ⁹Yet gleanings grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive-tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the Lord God of Israel.

¹⁰At that day shall a man regard his Maker, and his eyes shall look to the Holy One of Israel. ¹¹And he shall not regard the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall look to *that* which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the sun-images.

¹²In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken forest, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel: and there shall be desolation. ¹³Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange shoots: ¹⁴In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish: *but* the harvest shall flee away in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

¹⁵Woe to the multitude of many peoples, *that* make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, *that* make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! ¹⁶The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but *God* shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the

mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind. ¹⁷And behold at eventide trouble; and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

18 Woe to the land of the buzzing of wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia: ²That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, *saying*, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation vigorous and bright, to a people terrible from their beginning onward: a nation that meteth out and treadeth down, whose land the rivers divide! ³All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye.

⁴For so the Lord said unto me, I will take my rest, and I will consider in my dwelling-place like clear heat upon herbs, *and* like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. ⁵For before the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning-hooks, and take away *and* cut down the branches. ⁶They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

⁷In that time shall the present be brought unto the Lord of hosts

from a people vigorous and bright, from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation that meteth out and treadeth down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of the Lord of hosts, the mount Zion.

19 The prophecy of Egypt.

Behold, the Lord rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. ²And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. ³And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards. ⁴And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts.

⁵And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up. ⁶And the rivers shall become foul; and the streams of Egypt shall dwindle and dry up: the reeds and flags shall wither. ⁷The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more.

⁸The fishers also shall mourn, and all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish. ⁹Moreover they that work in fine flax, and they that weave networks, shall be confounded. ¹⁰And her foundations shall be broken; all that make sluices, grieved in soul.

¹¹Surely the princes of Zoan are fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become senseless: how say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings? ¹²Where are they? where are thy wise men? and let them tell thee now, and let them know what the Lord of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt. ¹³The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also led Egypt astray, even they that are the stay of the tribes thereof. ¹⁴The Lord hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit. ¹⁵Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.

¹⁶In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the Lord of hosts, which he shaketh over it. ¹⁷And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, be-

cause of the counsel of the Lord of hosts, which he hath determined against it.

¹⁸In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the Lord of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction.

¹⁹In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord.

²⁰And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them. ²¹And the Lord shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the Lord in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the Lord, and perform it. ²²And the Lord shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal it: and they shall return *even* to the Lord, and he shall be entreated of them, and shall heal them.

²³In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.

²⁴In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, *even* a blessing in the midst of the land: ²⁵Whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and

Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

20 In the year that Tartan came unto Ashdod, (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him,) and fought against Ashdod, and took it; ²At the same time spoke the Lord by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy sandal from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

³And the Lord said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia; ⁴So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptian prisoners, and the Ethiopian captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with *their* buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. ⁵And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory. ⁶And the inhabitant of this coast-land shall say in that day, Behold, such *is* our expectation, whither we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?

21 The prophecy of the desert of the sea.

As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land. ²A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing

thereof have I made to cease.

³Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I writhed with pain at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it. ⁴My heart wandered, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me.

⁵Prepare the table, watch in the watch-tower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, and anoint the shield. ⁶For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth. ⁷And he saw a chariot *with* a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, *and* a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed:

⁸And he cried as a lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the watch-tower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights: ⁹And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, *with* a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

¹⁰O my threshing, and the corn of my floor: that which I have heard of the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.

¹¹The prophecy of Dumah.

He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

¹²The watchman said, The morn-

ing cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come.

¹³The prophecy upon Arabia.

In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim. ¹⁴The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they did meet the fugitives with their bread. ¹⁵For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war.

¹⁶For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of a hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail: ¹⁷And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for the Lord God of Israel hath spoken it.

22 The prophecy of the Valley of Vision.

What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the house-tops? ²Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city, a joyous city: thy slain *men are* not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle. ³All thy rulers are fled together, they are bound by the archers: all that are found in thee are bound together, *who have* fled from afar. ⁴Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people. ⁵For *it is* a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of per-

plexity by the Lord God of hosts in the Valley of Vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains. ⁶And Elam bore the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield. ⁷And it shall come to pass, that thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate. ⁸And he uncovered the covering of Judah, and thou didst look in that day to the armour of the house of the forest. ⁹Ye have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many: and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool. ¹⁰And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have ye broken down to fortify the wall. ¹¹Ye made also a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago.

¹²And in that day did the Lord God of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth: ¹³And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for to-morrow we shall die. ¹⁴And it was revealed in mine ears by the Lord of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord God of hosts.

¹⁵Thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Go, get thee unto this

treasurer, *even* unto Shebna, who is over the house, and say, ¹⁶What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth a habitation for himself in a rock? ¹⁷Behold, the Lord will thrust thee away with a mighty throw, and will surely cover thee. ¹⁸He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house. ¹⁹And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down.

²⁰And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah: ²¹And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. ²²And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. ²³And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house. ²⁴And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, every small vessel, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.

²⁵In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and he cut down, and fall; and the burden that *was* upon it shall be cut off: for the Lord hath spoken it.

23 The prophecy of Tyre.

Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them. ²Be still, ye inhabitants of the coast-land; thou whom the merchants of Sidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished. ³And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the river, is her revenue; and she is a mart of nations. ⁴Be thou ashamed, O Sidon: for the sea hath spoken, *even* the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, *nor* bring up virgins. ⁵As at the report concerning Egypt, so shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.

⁶Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the coast-land. ⁷*Is* this your joyous city, whose antiquity *is* of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn. ⁸Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants *are* princes, whose traffickers *are* the honourable of the earth? ⁹The Lord of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, *and* to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth. ¹⁰Pass through thy land as a river, O

daughter of Tarshish: *there is* no more strength. ¹¹He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the Lord hath given a commandment against the merchant city, to destroy the strongholds thereof. ¹²And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Sidon: arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shalt thou have no rest. ¹³Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not, *till* the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: they set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; *and* he brought it to ruin. ¹⁴Howl, ye ships of Tarshish: for your strength is laid waste.

¹⁵And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years it shall be unto Tyre as the song of a harlot:

¹⁶Take a harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered.

¹⁷And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the Lord will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth. ¹⁸And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the Lord: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for

her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the Lord, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

24 Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. ²And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him. ³The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Lord hath spoken this word. ⁴The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. ⁵The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof: because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. ⁶Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left. ⁷The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merry-hearted do sigh. ⁸The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth. ⁹They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it. ¹⁰The city of

confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in. ¹¹*There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.* ¹²In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction. ¹³When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, *there shall be as the shaking of an olive-tree, and as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done.* ¹⁴They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing; for the majesty of the Lord they shall cry aloud from the sea. ¹⁵Wherefore glorify ye the Lord in the countries of light, *even the name of the Lord God of Israel in the isles of the sea.*

¹⁶From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, *even glory to the righteous.* But I said, I am wasted, I am wasted, woe unto me! the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously. ¹⁷Fear, and the pit, and the snare, *are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.* ¹⁸And it shall come to pass, *that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.* ¹⁹The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. ²⁰The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunk-

ard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

²¹And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones *that are* on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. ²²And they shall be gathered together, *as* prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited. ²³Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his elders gloriously.

25 O Lord, thou *art* my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful *things*; *thy* counsels of old *are* faithfulness *and* truth. ²For thou hast made of a city a heap; of a fortified city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. ³Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee. ⁴For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones *is* as a storm *against* the wall. ⁵Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; *even* the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be

brought low.

⁶And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. ⁷And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will destroy death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth; for the Lord hath spoken *it*.

⁹And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this *is* our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this *is* the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. ¹⁰For in this mountain shall the hand of the Lord rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down upon the dunghill. ¹¹And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth *his hands* to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the joints of their hands. ¹²And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, *and* bring to the ground, *even* to the dust.

26 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint *for* walls and bulwarks. ²Open ye the

gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. ³Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. ⁴Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord God is everlasting strength: ⁵For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, *even* to the ground; he bringeth it *even* to the dust. ⁶The foot shall tread it down, *even* the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.

⁷The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just. ⁸Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee. ⁹With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. ¹⁰Let favour be shewn to the wicked, *yet* will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord.

¹¹Lord, *when* thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: *but* they shall see, and be ashamed for *their* envy at the people: yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them. ¹²Lord thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

¹³O Lord our God, *other* lords besides thee have had dominion over us: *but* by thee only will we make mention of thy name. ¹⁴*They are* dead, they shall not live; *they are* deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish. ¹⁵Thou hast increased the nation, O Lord, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified: thou hadst removed it far unto all the ends of the earth.

¹⁶Lord, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer *when* thy chastening *was* upon them. ¹⁷Like as a woman with child, *that* draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O Lord. ¹⁸We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. ¹⁹Thy dead *men* shall live, *together with* my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is *as* the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

²⁰Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. ²¹For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall dis-

close her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

27 In that day the Lord with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

²In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine. ³I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest *any* hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

⁴Fury is not in me: who would set the briers and thorns against me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together.

⁵Or let him take hold of my strength, *that* he may make peace with me; *and* he shall make peace with me.

⁶In the days to come Jacob shall take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

⁷Hath he smitten him, as he smote those that smite him? *or* is he slain according to the slaughter of them that are slain by him? ⁸In measure, when thou sendest her away, thou dost contend with her: he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind. ⁹By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this is all the fruit of the taking away of his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in pieces, the groves and sun-images shall not stand up. ¹⁰Yet the fortified city *shall be* desolate, *and* the habitation for-

saken, and left like a wilderness: there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches thereof.

¹¹When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come, *and* set them on fire: for it is a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will shew them no favour.

¹²And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall beat off the fruit from the channel of the River unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.

¹³And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come that were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

28 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which is on the head of the fat valley of them that are overcome with wine! ²Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, that as a tempest of hail *and* a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with violence. ³The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet: ⁴And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be

a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which *when* he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.

⁵In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people, ⁶And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.

⁷But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. ⁸For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.

⁹Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.* ¹⁰For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: ¹¹For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. ¹²To whom he said, This is the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. ¹³But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept;

line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

¹⁴Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. ¹⁵Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: ¹⁶Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. ¹⁷Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding-place. ¹⁸And your covenant with death shall be annulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it. ¹⁹From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report. ²⁰For the bed is too short for a man to stretch himself on it: and the covering too narrow to wrap himself in it. ²¹For the Lord shall rise up as in mount

Perazim, he shall be wroth as *in* the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act. ²²Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord God of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.

²³Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech. ²⁴Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground? ²⁵When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the funnel, and scatter the cummin, and set the wheat in rows, and the appointed barley, and millet in their place? ²⁶For his God doth instruct him aright, *and* doth teach him. ²⁷For the funnel is not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart-wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the funnel is beaten out with a staff, and cummin with a rod. ²⁸Bread *corn* is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break *it with* the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it *with* his horsemen. ²⁹This also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts, *who* is wonderful in counsel, *and* excellent in working.

29 Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city *where* David dwelt! add ye year to year; let the festivals run their circle. ²Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel. ³And

I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a garrison, and I will raise forts against thee. ⁴And thou shalt be brought down, *and* shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust. ⁵Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones *shall be* as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly. ⁶Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire. ⁷And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision. ⁸It shall even be as when a hungry *man* dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, *he is* faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

⁹Stay yourselves, and wonder; tarry and look around: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. ¹⁰For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep

sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. ¹¹And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which *men* deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it *is* sealed: ¹²And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

¹³Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: ¹⁴Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, *even* a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hid.

¹⁵Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

¹⁶O your diversity! Shall the potter be esteemed as clay; shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?

¹⁸And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness. ¹⁹The meek also shall increase *their* joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. ²⁰For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off: ²¹That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought.

²²Therefore thus saith the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. ²³But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel. ²⁴They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn instruction.

30 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that make a covenant, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: ²That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! ³Therefore shall the

strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt *your* confusion. ⁴For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes. ⁵They were all ashamed of a people *that* could not profit them, nor be a help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.

⁶The prophecy of the beasts of the south.

Into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence *come* the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the hunches of camels, to a people *that* shall not profit *them*. ⁷For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, They are brave sitting idle.

⁸Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: ⁹That this *is* a rebellious people, lying children, children *that* will not hear the law of the Lord: ¹⁰That say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits: ¹¹Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

¹²Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression

and perverseness, and stay thereon: ¹³Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant. ¹⁴And he shall break it as the breaking of the potter's vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water *withal* out of the pit.

¹⁵For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not. ¹⁶But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift. ¹⁷One thousand *shall* flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on a hill.

¹⁸And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord *is* a God of judgment: blessed *are* all they that wait for him.

¹⁹For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. ²⁰And *though* the Lord give you the bread of

adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: ²¹And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. ²²Ye shall defile also the covering of thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt cast them away as an unclean thing; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence. ²³Then shall he give the rain of thy seed, that thou shalt sow the ground withal; and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous: in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures. ²⁴The oxen likewise and the young asses that till the ground shall eat seasoned provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan. ²⁵And there shall be upon every high mountain, and every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. ²⁶Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the days that the Lord bindeth up the hurt of his people, and healeth the bruise of their wound.

²⁷Behold, the name of the Lord cometh from far, burning with his anger, and in a thick cloud of smoke: his lips are full of in-

dignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire: ²⁸And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and *there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err.* ²⁹Ye shall have a song, as in the night *when a festival is hallowed*; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the Lord, to the Mighty One of Israel. ³⁰And the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and *with the flame of a devouring fire, with crashing, and tempest, and hailstones.* ³¹For through the voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian be beaten down, *that smote with a rod.* ³²And *in every place where the appointed staff shall pass, which the Lord shall lay upon him, it shall be with tabrets and harps*; and in battles of shaking will he fight with it. ³³For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made *it deep and large*: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the Lord, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

31 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because *they are many*; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but thy look not unto the Holy one of Israel, neither seek

the Lord! ²Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evil-doers, and against the help of them that work iniquity. ³Now the Egyptians *are* men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the Lord shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is helped shall fall down, and they all shall fail together. ⁴For thus hath the Lord spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, *he* will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the Lord of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof. ⁵As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver *it*; and passing over he will preserve *it*.

⁶Turn ye unto *him* against whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. ⁷For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you *for* a sin. ⁸Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a man; and the sword, not of a man, shall devour him: and he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall become tributary. ⁹And he shall pass over to his stronghold for fear, and his princes shall be

afraid of the ensign, saith the Lord, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

32 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. ²And a man shall be as a hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. ³And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken. ⁴The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly. ⁵The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful. ⁶For the vile person will speak villainy, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the Lord, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. ⁷The instruments also of the churl *are* evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right. ⁸But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.

⁹Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech. ¹⁰Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come. ¹¹Tremble, ye women that are at

ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins. ¹²Striking on the breasts, they shall lament for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. ¹³Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briars; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city: ¹⁴Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;

¹⁵Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest. ¹⁶Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. ¹⁷And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and security for ever. ¹⁸And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places; ¹⁹When it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place. ²⁰Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass.

33 Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou *wast* not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal

treacherously with thee. ²⁰O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

²¹At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations were scattered. ²²And your spoil shall be gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar: as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them.

²³The Lord is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness. ²⁴And shall be the strength of salvation: the stability of thy times, the fear of the Lord is his treasure.

²⁵Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly. ²⁶The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man. ²⁷The earth mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed and hewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel made bare. ²⁸Now will I rise, saith the Lord; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself. ²⁹Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, as fire, shall devour you. ³⁰And the peoples shall be as the burnings of lime: as thorns cut off shall they be burned in the fire.

³¹Hear, ye *that are far off*, what I have done; and, ye *that are*

near, acknowledge my might. ¹⁴The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? ¹⁵He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; ¹⁶He shall dwell on high: his place of defence *shall be* the strongholds of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters *shall be* sure.

¹⁷Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off. ¹⁸Thine heart shall meditate terror. Where *is* the scribe? where *is* the weigher? where *is* he that counted the towers? ¹⁹Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering tongue, *that thou canst* not understand. ²⁰Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle *that* shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. ²¹But there the glorious Lord *will be* unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall a gallant ship pass thereby. ²²For the Lord *is* our judge, the Lord *is* our lawgiver,

the Lord *is* our king; he will save us. ²³Thy tacklings are loosed: they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey. ²⁴And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein *shall be* forgiven *their* iniquity.

34 Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye peoples: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. ²For the indignation of the Lord *is* upon all nations, and *his* fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. ³Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. ⁴And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall decay as the leaf decayeth from the vine, and as a decaying fig from the fig-tree.

⁵For my sword satiated itself in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. ⁶The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the Lord hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea. ⁷And the wild oxen shall

come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. ⁸For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompense for the cause of Zion. ⁹And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. ¹⁰It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever; from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever. ¹¹But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness. ¹²They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing.

¹³And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be a habitation of dragons, and a court for ostriches. ¹⁴The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech-owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest. ¹⁵There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate. ¹⁶Seek ye out

of the book of the Lord, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and its breath it hath gathered them. ¹⁷And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

35 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. ²It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

³Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you.

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. ⁷And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

⁹And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*. ¹⁰No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*: ¹¹And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

36 Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, *that* Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and took them. ²And the king of Assyria sent Rab-shakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field. ³Then came forth unto him Eliakim, Hilkiyah's son, who was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, Asaph's son, the recorder.

⁴And Rab-shakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this wherein thou trustest? ⁵I say, but these are vain words, counsel and strength are necessary for war: now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me? ⁶Lo, thou trustest in

the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him. ⁷But if thou say to me, We trust in the Lord our God: *is it* not he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar? ⁸Now therefore make a wager, I pray thee, with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. ⁹How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? ¹⁰And am I now come up without the Lord against this land to destroy it? the Lord said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

¹¹Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rab-shakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand *it*: and speak not to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall. ¹²But Rab-shakeh said, Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speak these words? *hath he* not sent me to the men that sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own urine with you?

¹³Then Rab-shakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the

Jews' language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria. ¹⁴Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you. ¹⁵Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. ¹⁶Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me: and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern; ¹⁷Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. ¹⁸Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, The Lord will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? ¹⁹Where are the gods of Hamath and Arphad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? ²⁰Who are they among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

²¹But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

²²Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and

Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

37 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord. ²And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. ³And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. ⁴It may be the Lord thy God will hear the words of Rab-shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the Lord thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left.

⁵So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. ⁶And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the Lord, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. ⁷Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear a rumour, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

⁸So Rab-shakeh returned, and

found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

⁹And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, ¹⁰Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. ¹¹Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered? ¹²Have the gods of the nations delivered them whom my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden that *were* in Telassar? ¹³Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

¹⁴And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. ¹⁵And Hezekiah prayed unto the Lord, saying, ¹⁶O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest *between* the cherubim, thou *art* the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth. ¹⁷Incline thine ear, O Lord, and hear; open thine eyes, O Lord, and see: and hear all the words

of Sennacherib, who hath sent to reproach the living God. ¹⁸Of a truth, Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries. ¹⁹And have cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them. ²⁰Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the Lord, *even* thou only.

²¹Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria: ²²This *is* the word which the Lord hath spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee. ²³Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted *thy* voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against the Holy One of Israel. ²⁴By thy servants hast thou reproached the Lord, and hast said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the recesses of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, *and* the choice fir-trees thereof: and I will enter into the height of his border, *and* the forest of his fruitful field. ²⁵I have digged, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up

all the rivers of Egypt.

¹⁶Hast thou not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fortified cities into ruin-heaps. ¹⁷Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it is grown up.

¹⁸But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me. ¹⁹Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

²⁰And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat *this* year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof. ²¹And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward: ²²For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall do this.

²³Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the king of Assyria.

He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a mound against it. ²⁴By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the Lord. ²⁵For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

²⁶Then the angel of the Lord went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

²⁷So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

²⁸And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat: and Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

38 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Declare thy will to thy house: for thou shalt die, and not live. ²Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the Lord, ³And said, Remember now, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is good* in thy

sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

⁴Then came the word of the Lord to Isaiah, saying, ⁵Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years. ⁶And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city. ⁷And this *shall be* a sign unto thee from the Lord, that the Lord will do this thing that he hath spoken; ⁸Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun-dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

⁹The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness:

¹⁰I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years. ¹¹I said, I shall not see the Lord, *even* the Lord, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world. ¹²Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off from the loom: from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.

¹³I reckoned till morning, *that*, as a lion, so will he break all my bones: from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.

¹⁴Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail *with looking* upward: O Lord, I am oppressed; grant me ease.

¹⁵What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done *it*: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul. ¹⁶O Lord, command them to live; in them is the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.

¹⁷Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

¹⁸For the grave cannot praise thee, death can *not* celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

¹⁹The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I *do* this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth. ²⁰The Lord *was ready* to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the Lord.

²¹For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay *it* for a plaster upon the boil, and he shall recover. ²²Hezekiah also had said, What *is* the sign that I shall go up to the house of the Lord?

39 At that time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and

was recovered. ²And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not. ³Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon. ⁴Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewn them. ⁵Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord of hosts: ⁶Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord. ⁷And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, whom thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

⁸Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the Lord which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

40 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

²Speak ye to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her time is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

³The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: ⁵And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

⁶The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: ⁷The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. ⁸The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

⁹O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! ¹⁰Behold, the Lord God will come with might, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. ¹¹He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather

the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

¹²Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

¹³Who hath directed the spirit of the Lord, or *being* his counselor hath taught him? ¹⁴With whom took he counsel, and *who* instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? ¹⁵Behold, the nations *are* as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. ¹⁶And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt-offering. ¹⁷All nations before him *are* as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity. ¹⁸To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? ¹⁹The graven image, a workman melted it, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains. ²⁰He that *is* so impoverished that he hath no ablation chooseth a tree *that* will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, *that* shall not be moved.

²¹Have ye not known? have ye

not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²*It is* he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof *are* as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: ²³That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. ²⁴Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth; and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble. ²⁵To whom then will ye liken me, that I shall be equal? saith the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these *things*, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that *he is* strong in power; not one faileth.

²⁷Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God? ²⁸Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching of his understanding. ²⁹He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength. ³⁰Even the youths shall faint and

be weary, and the young men shall utterly stumble: ⁸But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

41 Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the peoples renew *their* strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment. ²Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made *him* rule over kings? he gave *them* as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow. ³He pursued them, and passed safely; *even* by the way *that* he had not trodden with his feet. ⁴Who hath wrought and done *it*, calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord, the first, and with the last; I *am* he. ⁵The isles saw *it*, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came.

⁶They helped every one his neighbour; and *every one* said to his brother, Be of good courage. ⁷So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the soldering: and he fastened it with nails, *that* it should not be moved.

⁸But thou, Israel, *art* my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. ⁹*Thou* whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called

thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou *art* my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. ¹⁰Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. ¹¹Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. ¹²Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, *even* them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. ¹³For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

¹⁴Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. ¹⁵Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat *them* small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. ¹⁶Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁷When the poor and needy seek water, and *there is* none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. ¹⁸I will open rivers

in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. ¹⁹I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah-tree, and the myrtle, and the oil-tree; I will set in the desert the fir-tree, and the pine, and the box-tree together: ²⁰That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

²¹Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the king of Jacob. ²²Let them bring *them* forth, and tell us what shall happen: declare ye the former things, what they *are*, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. ²³Tell the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye *are* gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold *it* together. ²⁴Behold, ye *are* of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is *he* that chooseth you.

²⁵I have raised up *one* from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as *upon* mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay. ²⁶Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, *He* is righteous? yea, *there is* none that telleth, yea,

there is none that declareth, yea, *there is* none that heareth your words. ²⁷I first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings. ²⁸For I beheld, and *there was* no man; even among them, and *there was* no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word. ²⁹Behold, they *are* all vanity; their works *are* nothing: their molten images *are* wind and confusion.

42 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the nations. ²He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. ³A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. ⁴He shall not burn dimly nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

⁵Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: ⁶I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the nations. ⁷To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from

the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison-house. ⁷*I am* the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. ⁸Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

⁹Sing unto the Lord a new song, *and* his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. ¹⁰Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their* voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. ¹¹Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands. ¹²The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.

¹³I have long time held my peace; I have been still, *and* refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will gasp and pant at once. ¹⁴I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools. ¹⁵And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will

I do unto them, and not forsake them. ¹⁶They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods.

¹⁷Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. ¹⁸Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant?

¹⁹Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not. ²⁰The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable. ²¹But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison-houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

²²Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come? ²³Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the Lord, he against whom we have sinned; for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law. ²⁴Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

43 But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed

thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine. ²When thou passest through the waters, I will *be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. ³For I *am* the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. ⁴Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. ⁵Fear not: for I *am* with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; ⁶I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; ⁷*Even* every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I *have* made him. ⁸Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

⁹Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and tell us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, *It is* truth. ¹⁰Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: be-

fore me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. ¹¹I, *even* I, *am* the Lord; and besides me *there is* no saviour. ¹²I have declared, and have saved, and I have announced, when *there was* no strange god among you: therefore ye *are* my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I *am* God. ¹³Yea, before the day *was* I *am* he; and *there is* none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall reverse it?

¹⁴Thus saith the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all of them in swift vessels, and the Chaldeans in the ships of their rejoicing. ¹⁵I *am* the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.

¹⁶Thus saith the Lord, who maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; ¹⁷Who bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as a wick. ¹⁸Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert. ²⁰The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the ostriches: because I give waters in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen. ²¹This peo-

ple have I formed for myself; they shall tell of my praise.

²²But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel. ²³Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt-offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense. ²⁴Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities. ²⁵I, *even I, am* he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. ²⁶Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. ²⁷Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me. ²⁸Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.

44 Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: ²Thus saith the Lord that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, *who* will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. ³For *as* I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: ⁴And they

shall spring up *as* among the grass, *as* willows by the water-courses. ⁵One shall say, *I am* the Lord's; and another shall call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe *with* his hand unto the Lord, and surname *himself* by the name of Israel.

⁶Thus saith the Lord the king of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; *I am* the first, and *I am* the last; and besides me *there is* no God. ⁷And who, *as* I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them declare. ⁸Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared *it?* ye *are* even my witnesses. Is there a God besides me? yea, *there is* no God; I know not *any*.

⁹They that make a graven image *are* all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they *are* their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed. ¹⁰Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image *that* is profitable for nothing? ¹¹Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they *are* of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; they shall fear, they shall be ashamed together.

¹²The smith maketh an axe and worketh it in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his

arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint. ¹³The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may dwell in a house.

¹⁴He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it. ¹⁵Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and boweth down thereto. ¹⁶He burneth half thereof in the fire; with half thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire: ¹⁷And the residue thereof he maketh a god, *even* his graven image: he boweth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god.

¹⁸They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand. ¹⁹And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned half of it in

the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I bow down to a block of wood? ²⁰He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, *Is there* not a lie in my right hand?

²¹Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. ²²I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

²³Sing, O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

²⁴Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself; ²⁵That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish; ²⁶That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be in-

inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the ruined places thereof: ²⁷That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers: ²⁸That saith of Cyrus, *He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall he laid.*

45 Thus saith the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the doors, and the gates shall not be shut; ²I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut asunder the bars of iron: ³And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, who call thee by thy name, *am* the God of Israel. ⁴For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me. ⁵*I am* the Lord, and *there is* none else, *there is* no God besides me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: ⁶That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that *there is* none besides me. *I am* the Lord, and *there is* none else. ⁷I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these *things*.

⁸Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the Lord have created it.

⁹Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! *Let* the potsherd *strive* with the potsherd of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands? ¹⁰Woe unto him that saith unto *his* father, What begettest thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?

¹¹Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. ¹²I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, *even* my hands have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded. ¹³I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the Lord of hosts.

¹⁴Thus saith the Lord, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, *saying*, Surely God

is in thee; and *there is* none else, *there is* no other God.

¹⁵Verily thou *art* a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. ¹⁶They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together *that are* makers of idols. ¹⁷But Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded to eternity.

¹⁸For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the Lord; and *there is* none else. ¹⁹I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. ²⁰Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye *that are* escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god *that* cannot save. ²¹Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the Lord? and *there is* no other God besides me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none besides me. ²²Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else. ²³I have sworn

by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. ²⁴Surely, shall *one* say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. ²⁵In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

46 Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: the things carried by you are made a load, a burden to the weary *beast*. ²They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity.

³Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, that are borne *by me* from the birth, that are carried from the womb: ⁴And *even* to your old age I *am* he, and *even* to hoary hairs will I carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you*.

⁵To whom will ye liken me, and make *me* equal, and compare me, that we may be like? ⁶They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship. ⁷They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, *one* shall cry

unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

⁸Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. ⁹Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; I *am* God, and *there is* none like me, ¹⁰Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: ¹¹Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

¹²Hearken unto me, ye stout-hearted, that *are* far from righteousness: ¹³I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

47 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: *there is* no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate. ²Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy veil, lift up the skirt, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers. ³Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not regard any man. ⁴*As for* our redeemer, the Lord of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel. ⁵Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness,

O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms. ⁶I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand; thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the aged hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke. ⁷And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these *things* to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it.

⁸Therefore hear now this, *thou that art* given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I *am*, and none else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: ⁹But these two *things* shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

¹⁰For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I *am*, and none else besides me. ¹¹Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know the cause of it; and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, *which* thou shalt not know.

¹²Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multi-

tude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; maybe thou shalt be able to profit, maybe thou shalt prevail. ¹³Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from *these things* that shall come upon thee. ¹⁴Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: *there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.* ¹⁵Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, *even* thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.

48 Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, who swear by the name of the Lord, and make mention of the God of Israel, *but not in truth, nor in righteousness.* ²For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The Lord of hosts *is* his name. ³I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I announced them; I did *them* suddenly, and they came to pass. ⁴Because I knew that thou *art* obstinate, and thy neck *is* an iron sinew, and thy brow brass; ⁵I have even from the beginning declared *it* to thee; before it came to pass I announced *it* to thee:

lest thou shouldest say, Mine idols hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them. ⁶Thou hast heard, see all this; and will no ye declare *it*? I have announced to thee new things from this time even hidden things, and thou didst not know them. ⁷They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not, lest thou shouldest say, Behold I knew them. ⁸Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea from that time *that* thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb. ⁹For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. ¹⁰Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. ¹¹For mine own sake, *even* for mine own sake, will I do *it*: for how should *my name* be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.

¹²Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I *am* he; I *am* the first, I also *am* the last. ¹³Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: *when* I call unto them, they stand up together. ¹⁴All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; who among them hath declared *these things*? The Lord hath loved him: he will do his pleasure

on Babylon, and his arm *shall be on the Chaldeans*. ¹⁵*I, even I, have spoken: yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.*

¹⁶*Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord God, and his spirit, hath sent me.* ¹⁷*Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God who teacheth thee to profit, who leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.* ¹⁸*O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: ¹⁹Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the grains thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.*

²⁰*Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it *even* to the end of the earth; say ye, The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob.* ²¹*And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clove the rock also, and the waters gushed out.*

²²*There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.*

49 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye peoples, from

far; The Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. ²*And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; ³And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.* ⁴*Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God.* ⁵*And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, that Israel be gathered unto him, and I was glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and my God was my strength.* ⁶*And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the nations, that my salvation may be unto the end of the earth.*

⁷*Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him who is despised by every person, to him whom the nations abhor, to a servant of rulers, kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, who hath chosen thee.*

⁸*Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have*

I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; ⁹That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that *are* in darkness. Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures *shall be* in all high places. ¹⁰They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. ¹¹And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted. ¹²Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

¹³Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

¹⁴But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. ¹⁵Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. ¹⁶Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands; thy walls *are* continually before me. ¹⁷Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee. ¹⁸Lift up thine

eyes round about, and behold all these gather themselves to gether, *and* come to thee. As live, saith the Lord, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all as with an ornament, and bind them *on thee*, as a bride doth ¹⁹For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and thy destroyers shall be far away. ²⁰The children that thou hast lost, shall say again in thine ears, The place *is* too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell. ²¹Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate a captive, and wandering to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone these, where *had they been?*

²²Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the nations, and set up my standard to the peoples: and they shall bring thy sons in *their* arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders. ²³And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with *their* face toward the earth and lick up the dust of thy feet: and thou shalt know that I *am* the Lord: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

²⁴Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? ²⁵But thus saith the Lord, Even the captives of the

mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. ²⁶And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the Lord *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

50 Thus saith the Lord, Where *is* the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors *is it* to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions *is* your mother put away. ²Wherefore, when I came, *was there* no man? when I called, *was there* none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because *there is* no water, and dieth for thirst. ³I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

⁴The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is* weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. ⁵The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned back. ⁶I gave my back to the smiters,

and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. ⁷For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. ⁸*He is* near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who *is* mine adversary? let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord God will help me; who *is* he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

¹⁰Who *is* among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. ¹¹Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass *yourselves* about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

51 Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock *whence* ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye are digged. ²Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah *that* bore you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. ³For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the

Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

⁴Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the peoples. ⁵My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the peoples; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die like vermin: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

⁷Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart *is* my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. ⁸For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

⁹Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. *Art* thou not it that hath cut Rahab, *and* wounded the dragon? ¹⁰*Art* thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made

the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? ¹¹Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy *shall be* upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; *and* sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

¹²*I, even I, am* he that comforteth you: who *art* thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of? *man that shall die*, and of the son of man *that shall be made as grass*: ¹³And forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth, and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where *is* the fury of the oppressor? ¹⁴The captive hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail. ¹⁵But *I am* the Lord thy God, that breaketh the sea, that its waves roar: the Lord of hosts *is* his name. ¹⁶And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou *art* my people.

¹⁷Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury; thou hast drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling, *and wrung them out*. ¹⁸*There is* none to guide her among all the

sons: *whom she hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up.* ¹⁹These two *things* are come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee? ²⁰Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the Lord, the rebuke of thy God.

²¹Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: ²²Thus saith thy Lord the Lord, and thy God *that* pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling *even* the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again: ²³But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; that have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

52 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. ²Shake thyself from the dust; arise, *and* sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

³For thus saith the Lord, Ye

have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money. ⁴For thus saith the Lord God, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. ⁵Now therefore, what have I here, saith the Lord, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the Lord; and my name continually every day is blasphemed. ⁶Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* he that doth speak: behold, it is I.

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! ⁸Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall return unto Zion. ⁹Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

¹¹Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean *thing*; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord.

¹²For ye shall not go out with

haste, nor go by flight: for the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel *will be your rear-guard.*

¹³Behold, my servant shall prosper, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. ¹⁴As many were astonished at thee; his visage was marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: ¹⁵So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for *that* which had not been told them shall they see; and *that* which they had not heard shall they consider.

53 Who would have believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? ²For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he had no form nor comeliness; and when we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and as one from whom men hide their face he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he hath borne griefs *inflicted by us*, and suffered sorrows we have *caused*: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded through our transgressions, bruised through our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was upon him*, and with his wounds we were healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone a stray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath caused the iniquity of us all to fall upon him.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: as a lamb which is brought to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸He was taken away from rule and from judgment; and his life who shall recount? for he was cut off out of the land of the living; through the transgressions of my people was he stricken. ⁹And one made his grave among the wicked, and his tomb among the rich; although he had done no violence, neither *was any deceit in his mouth.*

¹⁰But it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: if his soul shall consider it a recompense for guilt, he shall see *his seed*, he shall prolong *his days*, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and shall be satisfied*: by his knowledge shall my servant justify the righteous before many, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore will I divide him *a portion with the great*, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath laid open his soul unto death, and was numbered with transgressors; and he took off the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

54 Sing, O barren, thou *that* didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou *that* didst not travail with child; for more *are* the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord. ¹Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; ²For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

³Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. ⁴For thy Maker *is* thine husband; the Lord of hosts *is* his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. ⁵For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and as a wife of youth, that was refused, saith thy God.

⁶For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. ⁷In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. ⁸For this *is* as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of

Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. ⁹For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

¹⁰O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. ¹¹And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of precious stones. ¹²And all thy children *shall be* taught of the Lord; and great *shall be* the peace of thy children. ¹³In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. ¹⁴Behold, they shall surely gather together, *but* not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

¹⁵Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. ¹⁶No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the Lord.

55 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which is not bread?* and your labour for *that which satisfieth not?* hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is good*, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

³Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even the sure mercies of David*. ⁴Behold, I have made him a witness to the people, a leader and commander of nations. ⁵Behold, thou shalt call a nation *that thou knowest not*, and nations *that knew not thee* shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel: for he hath glorified thee.

⁶Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye unto him while he is near: ⁷Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and

returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: ¹¹So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

¹²For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their hands*. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir-tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle-tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign *that shall not be cut off*.

56 Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. ²Blessed is the man *that doeth this*, and the son of man *that layeth hold on it*; that keepeth the sabbath from violating it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

³Let not the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dry tree. ⁴For thus saith the Lord concerning the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose that which

pleaseth me, and take hold of my covenant; ²Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. ³Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from violating it, and taketh hold of my covenant; ⁴Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁵The Lord God who gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather *others* to him, besides those that are gathered unto him.

⁶All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, *yea*, all ye beasts in the forest. ⁷His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber. ⁸Yea, *they are* greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. ⁹Come ye, *say they*, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to-morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

57 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. ²He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, *each one* walking in his uprightness.

³But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the harlot. ⁴Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, ⁵Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks? ⁶Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink-offering, thou hast offered a meal-offering. Should I receive comfort in these? ⁷Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. ⁸Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered *thyself to another* than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest a place. ⁹And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase *thyself even* unto

hell. ¹⁰Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; *yet* saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.

¹¹And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid *it* to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?

¹²I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee. ¹³When thou criest, Let thy companies of *idols* deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take *them*: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain.

¹⁴And he will say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people. ¹⁵For thus saith the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. ¹⁶For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls *which* I have made. ¹⁷For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart. ¹⁸I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will

lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. ¹⁹I create the speech of the lips; Peace, peace to *him that is* far off, and to *him that is* near saith the Lord; and I will heal him. ²⁰But the wicked *are* like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. ²¹*There is* no peace saith my God, to the wicked.

58 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and declare unto my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that do righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God. ³Wherefore have we fasted, *say they*, and thou seest not? *wherefore* have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge?

Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours. ⁴Behold, ye fast for strife and contention, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye fast not this day to make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? *is it* to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes *under him*? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord? ⁶*Is* not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of

wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? *Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are afflicted to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?*

"Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rear-guard. "Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am.

If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; "And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul: then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon-day; "And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and relieve thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. "And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

"If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and

call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: "Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

59 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: *"But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. "For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. "None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.*

"They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. "Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. "Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and

destruction *are* in their paths. ⁸The way of peace they know not; and *there is* no judgment in their ways: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

⁹Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, *but* we walk in darkness. ¹⁰We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if *we had* no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; *we are* in desolate places as dead men. ¹¹We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but *there is* none; for salvation, *but* it is far off from us.

¹²For our transgressions *are* multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions *are* with us; and *as for* our iniquities, we know them; ¹³In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. ¹⁴And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. ¹⁵Yea, truth faileth; and he *that* departeth from evil maketh himself a prey:

And the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that *there was* no judgment. ¹⁶And he saw that *there was* no man, and wondered that *there was* no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salva-

tion unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. ¹⁷For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak. ¹⁸According to *their* deeds, accordingly he will repay fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to the is lands he will repay recompense. ¹⁹So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun: When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

²⁰And as redeemer shall he come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord.

²¹As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord: my spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.

60 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. ³And the nations shall come to thy light

and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

⁴Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side. ⁵Then thou shalt see, and be brightened up, and thine heart shall stand in awe, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the wealth of nations shall come unto thee.

⁶The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall herald the praises of the Lord. ⁷All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

⁸Who *are* these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? ⁹Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

¹⁰And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had

mercy on thee. ¹¹Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that *men* may bring unto thee the wealth of nations, and *that* their kings *may* be led. ¹²For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, *those* nations shall be utterly wasted.

¹³The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir-tree, the pine-tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. ¹⁴The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁵Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through *thee*, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. ¹⁶Thou shalt also suck the milk of the nations, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the Lord *am* thy saviour and thy redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

¹⁷For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness. ¹⁸Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy

walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

¹⁰The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. ²⁰Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself; for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

²¹Thy people also *shall be* all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. ²²A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a numerous nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time.

61 The spirit of the Lord God *is* upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the deliverance to *them that are bound*; ²To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; ³To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

⁴And they shall build the old

wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations: ⁵And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the son of the alien *shall be* your plowmen and your vine-dressers. ⁶But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the nations, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

⁷For your shame *ye shall have* double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them. ⁸For the Lord love judgment, I hat robbery with burnt-offering: and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed *which* the Lord hath blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth bringeth forth her buds, and as the garden causeth the seeds that are sown in it to

spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

62 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

And the nations shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name. ³Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. ⁴Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzi-bah, and thy land Beulah: for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

⁶I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, who shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, ⁷And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. ⁸The Lord hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall

not drink thy wine, for which thou hast laboured: ⁹But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the Lord; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

¹¹Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. ¹²And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

63 Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this *that is* glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. ²Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine-press? ³I have trodden the wine-press alone; and of the people *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. ⁴For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. ⁵And I looked,

and *there was* none to help; and I wondered that *there was* none to uphold; therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. ⁹And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

⁷I will mention the loving-kindnesses of the Lord, *and* the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses. ⁸For he said, Surely they *are* my people, children *that* will not lie: so he was their saviour. ⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bore them, and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰But they rebelled, and vexed his holy spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* fought against them. ¹¹Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, *and* his people, *saying*, Where *is* he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where *is* he that put his holy spirit within him? ¹²That led *them* by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name? ¹³That led them through the deep as a horse in the wilder-

ness, *that* they should not stumble? ¹⁴As a beast goeth down into the valley, the spirit of the Lord caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

¹⁵Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where *is* thy zeal and thy strength, thy yearning pity and thy mercies toward me? are they restrained? ¹⁶Doubtless thou *art* our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O Lord, *art* our father, our redeemer; thy name *is* from everlasting. ¹⁷O Lord, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, *and* hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. ¹⁸The people of thy holiness have possessed *it* but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. ¹⁹We are become as they over whom thou never borest rule; as they that were not called by thy name.

Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence.

64 As *when* the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, *that* the nations may tremble at thy presence! ²When thou didst terrible things *which* we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence. ³For since the beginning of the

world *men* have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, besides thee, *what* he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. ⁴Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, *those that* remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned in them continually, yet we shall be saved. ⁵But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as a filthy garment; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. ⁶And *there is* none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

⁷But now, O Lord, thou *art* our father; we *are* the clay, and thou our potter; and we all *are* the work of thy hand. ⁸Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, *see*, we beseech thee, we *are* all thy people. ⁹Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. ¹⁰Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste. ¹¹Wilt thou refrain thyself for these *things*, O Lord? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

65 I am sought of *them that* asked not for me; I am found of *them that* sought me not: I

said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation *that* was not called by my name. ²I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, that walketh in a way *that was* not good, after their own thoughts; ³A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick; ⁴That remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, that eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable *things is in* their vessels; ⁵That say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These *are* a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day. ⁶Behold, *it is* written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom, ⁷Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the Lord, that have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.

⁸Thus saith the Lord, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and *one* saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing *is in it*: so will I do for my servants' sake, that I may not destroy them all. ⁹And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains; and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there. ¹⁰And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor

a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me. ¹¹But ye *are* they that forsake the Lord, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for Fortune, and that fill up mingled wine unto Destiny. ¹²Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spoke, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose *that* wherein I delighted not.

¹³Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed: ¹⁴Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit. ¹⁵And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord God shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name: ¹⁶That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes. ¹⁷For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. ¹⁸But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her peo-

ple a joy. ¹⁹And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. ²⁰There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die a hundred years old; and as a sinner he that *dieth* at the age of a hundred years shall be accursed. ²¹And they shall build houses, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. ²²They shall not build, and another inhabit: they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they *are* the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. ²⁴And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust *shall be* the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.

66 Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where *is* the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? ²For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the Lord:

but upon such *a man* will I look, upon *him that is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

⁹He that killeth an ox *is as if* he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, *as if* he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, *as if* he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, *as if* he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. ¹⁰I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spoke, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose *that* in which I delighted not.

¹¹Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. ¹²A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the Lord that rendereth recompense to his enemies. ¹³Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man-child. ¹⁴Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. ¹⁵Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring

forth? saith the Lord: shall I who cause to bring forth, shut *the womb*? saith thy God.

¹⁶Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: ¹⁷That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may suck out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. ¹⁸For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of nations like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon *her* sides, and be dandled upon *her* knees. ¹⁹As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ²⁰And when ye see *this*, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like a herb: and the hand of the Lord shall be known toward his servants, and he will be angry with his enemies.

²¹For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. ²²For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many. ²³They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one *tree* in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord. ²⁴For I *know* their

works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

¹⁹And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord, as the children of Israel

bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord. ²¹And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the Lord. ²²For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. ²³And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord. ²⁴And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorrence unto all flesh.

And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come, to worship before me, saith the Lord.

JEREMIAH

1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: ²To whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. ³It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

⁴Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ⁵Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. ⁶Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. ⁷But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. ⁸Be not afraid of them: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. ⁹Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. ¹⁰See, I have this day

set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

¹¹Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond-tree. ¹²Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

¹³And the word of the Lord came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north.

¹⁴Then the Lord said unto me, Out of the north evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. ¹⁵For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the Lord; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. ¹⁶And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, in that they have forsaken me, and have burned

incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. ¹⁷Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed before them, lest I confound thee before them. ¹⁸For, behold, I have made thee this day a fortified city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. ¹⁹And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.

2 Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

²Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the Lord; I remember for thee the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land *that was* not sown. ³Israel *was* holiness unto the Lord, *and* the first-fruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the Lord.

⁴Hear ye the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel: ⁵Thus saith the Lord,

What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? ⁶Neither said they,

Where is the Lord that brought us up out of the land of Egypt that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt? ⁷And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. ⁸The priests said not, Where is the Lord? and they that handle the law knew me not: the shepherds also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after *things that do not profit*. ⁹Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the Lord, and with your children's children will I plead. ¹⁰For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing. ¹¹Hath a nation changed *its* gods, which *are* yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for *that which* doth not profit. ¹²Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord. ¹³For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, to hew them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. ¹⁴*Is* Israel a servant? *is* he a home-born *slave*? why is he spoiled? ¹⁵The young lions roared

upon him, *and* yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant. ¹⁶Also the children of Noph and Tahpanhes have broken the crown of thy head. ¹⁷Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, when he led thee by the way?

¹⁸And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Shihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the River? ¹⁹Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that *it is* an evil *thing* and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear *is* not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts.

²⁰For of old time I have broken thy yoke, *and* burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot.

²¹Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into wild shoots of a strange vine unto me?

²²For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, *yet* thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God.

²³How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: *thou art* a swift dromedary traversing her ways: ²⁴A wild ass

used to the wilderness, *that* snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure; in her lust who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her. ²⁵Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.

²⁶As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed: they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets, ²⁷Saying to a stock, Thou *art* my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned *their* back unto me, and not *their* face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. ²⁸But where *are* thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for *according* to the number of thy cities *are* thy gods, O Judah.

²⁹Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the Lord. ³⁰In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion. ³¹O generation, see ye the word of the Lord. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, We are lords; we will come no more unto thee?

³²Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet

my people have forgotten me days without number.

³³Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways. ³⁴Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: thou didst not find them breaking in, but upon all these *open places*. ³⁵Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned. ³⁶Why makest thou thyself so low to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria. ³⁷Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for the Lord hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

3 ...Saying,

If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the Lord. ²Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lain with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy harlotries and with thy wickedness. ³Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a

harlot's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed. ⁴Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth? ⁵Will he reserve *his anger* forever? will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken, and done evil things as thou couldst.

⁶The Lord said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen what backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. ⁷And I said after she had done all these *things*, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. ⁸And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. ⁹And it came to pass through the lightness of her harlotry, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. ¹⁰And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the Lord. ¹¹And the Lord said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah. ¹²Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say,

Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord: *and* I will not

cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, *and* I will not keep *anger* for ever. ¹³Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the Lord,

¹⁴Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: ¹⁵And I will give you shepherds according to mine heart, who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. ¹⁶And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the Lord, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the Lord: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall *that* be done any more. ¹⁷At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart. ¹⁸In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

¹⁹But I said, How shall I put

thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me. ²⁰Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the Lord.

²¹A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, *and* they have forgotten the Lord their God. ²²Return, ye backsliding children, *and* I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the Lord our God. ²³Truly in vain is *salvation hoped for* from the hills, *and from* the multitude of mountains: truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel. ²⁴For shame hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. ²⁵We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.

4 If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the Lord, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove.

²And thou shalt swear, The Lord liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations

shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

³For thus saith the Lord to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. ⁴Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

⁵Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fortified cities. ⁶Set up the standard toward Zion: seek refuge, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. ⁷The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the nations is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant. ⁸For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the Lord is not turned back from us. ⁹And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the Lord, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.

¹⁰Then said I, Ah, Lord God! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; where-

as the sword reacheth unto the soul.

¹¹At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high place in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse, ¹²Even a full wind from those places shall come unto me: now also will I give sentence against them. ¹³Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled. ¹⁴O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thought lodge within thee? ¹⁵For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim. ¹⁶Make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah. ¹⁷As keepers of a field are they against her round about, because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the Lord. ¹⁸Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart.

¹⁹My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. ²⁰Destruction upon de-

struction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, *and* my curtains in a moment. ²¹How long shall I see the standard, *and* hear the sound of the trumpet?

²²For my people *is* foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have no understanding: they *are* wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

²³I beheld the earth, and, lo, *it was* without form, and void; and the heavens, and they *had* no light. ²⁴I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills are moved. ²⁵I beheld, and, lo, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. ²⁶I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, *and* by his fierce anger.

²⁷For thus hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. ²⁸For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken *it*, I have purposed *it*, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. ²⁹The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city *shall be* forsaken, and not a man dwell therein. ³⁰And *when* thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with

ornaments of gold, though thou enlarge thy eyes with paint, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; *thy* lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life. ³¹For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, *and* the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, *that* bewaileth herself, *that* spreadeth her hands, *saying*, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

5 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be *any* that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it. ²And though they say, The Lord liveth; surely they swear falsely.

³O Lord, *are* not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, *but* they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return. ⁴Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the Lord, *nor* the judgment of their God. ⁵I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the Lord, *and* the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, *and* burst the bonds. ⁶Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, *and* a wolf

of the deserts shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings are increased.

⁷How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by *them that are* no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. ⁸They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife.

⁹Shall I not visit for these *things*? saith the Lord: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

¹⁰Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her branches; for they *are* not the Lord's. ¹¹For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the Lord. ¹²They have belied the Lord, and said, *It is not he*; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine: ¹³And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

¹⁴Wherefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. ¹⁵Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the Lord: it is a

mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say. ¹⁶Their quiver is as an open sepulchre: they *are* all mighty men. ¹⁷And they shall eat up thine harvest and thy bread, *which* thy son and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig-trees: they shall impoverish thy fortified cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword. ¹⁸Nevertheless in those days, saith the Lord, I will no more make a full end with you.

¹⁹And it shall come to pass when ye shall say, Wherefore doeth the Lord our God all these *things* unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours.

²⁰Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah saying, ²¹Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; who have eyes, and see not; who have ears, and hear not. ²²Fear ye not me? saith the Lord: will ye not tremble at my presence, who have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? ²³But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart.

they are revolted and gone. ²⁴Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in its season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. ²⁵Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withheld good things from you. ²⁶For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men. ²⁷As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich. ²⁸They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge.

²⁹Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

³⁰An awful and horrible thing is committed in the land; ³¹The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

6 O ye children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set a signal in Beth-cherem: for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction. ²O thou comely and delicate daughter of

Zion, thou art destroyed. ³The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch their tents against her round about; they shall feed every one in his place.

⁴Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out. ⁵Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.

⁶For thus hath the Lord of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and cast a mound against Jerusalem: this is the city to be visited; she is full of oppression in her midst. ⁷As a fountain casteth out its waters, so she casteth out her wickedness: violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually is grief and wounds. ⁸Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul depart from thee; lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited.

⁹Thus saith the Lord of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back thine hand as a grape-gatherer upon the twigs.

¹⁰To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the Lord is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. ¹¹Therefore I am full of the fury of the Lord; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the

children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with *him that is full of days*. ¹²And their houses shall be turned unto others, *with their fields and wives together*: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the Lord. ¹³For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. ¹⁴They have healed also the hurt of my people lightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is no peace*. ¹⁵Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time *that I visit them* they shall be cast down, saith the Lord.

¹⁶Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*. ¹⁷Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Harken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken. ¹⁸Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. ¹⁹Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, *even the fruit of their thoughts*, because they have not hearkened unto my

words, nor to my law, but rejected it. ²⁰To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt-offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me. ²¹Therefore thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will lay stumbling-blocks before this people, and the fathers and the son together shall fall upon them: the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

²²Thus saith the Lord, Behold a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the ends of the earth. ²³They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they *are* cruel and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.

²⁴We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, *and* pain as of a woman in travail. ²⁵Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy *and* fear is on every side. ²⁶O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make the mourning, *as for* an only son: most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.

²⁷I have set thee among many people as an assayer and tester: that thou mayest know and try their way. ²⁸They *are* all grievous revolters, walking with stars

ders: *they are* brass and iron; *they are* all corrupters. ²⁰The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away. ²⁰Reprobate silver shall *men* call them, because the Lord hath rejected them.

7 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, ¹Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all *ye of* Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord.

²Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. ³Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, is this. ⁴For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour; ⁵If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt: ⁶Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever. ⁷Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. ⁸Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know

not; ⁹And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? ¹⁰Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the Lord. ¹¹But go ye now unto my place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. ¹²And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the Lord, and I spoke unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not; ¹³Therefore will I do unto *this* house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. ¹⁴And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, *even* the whole seed of Ephraim.

¹⁵Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee. ¹⁶Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? ¹⁷The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead *their* dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. ¹⁸Do they provoke me to anger? saith the Lord: *do they not pro-*

voke themselves to the confusion of their own faces? ²⁰Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

²¹Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Add your burnt-offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh. ²²For I spoke not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: ²³But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. ²⁴But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. ²⁵Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: ²⁶Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.

²⁷Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou

shalt also call unto them but they will not answer thee. ²⁸But thou shalt say unto them, This is the nation that obeyeth not the voice of the Lord their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from the mouth.

²⁹Cut off thine hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high place for the Lord hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath. ³⁰For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight saith the Lord: they have seen their abominations in the house which is called by my name, and pollute it. ³¹And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and the daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart. ³²Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be called Topheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Topheth, till there be no place. ³³And the carcasses of the people shall be meat for the fow of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall scare them away. ³⁴Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

8 At that time, saith the Lord, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves: ²And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth. ³And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, that remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the Lord of hosts.

⁴Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return? ⁵Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. ⁶I hearkened and heard, but they spoke not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turneth away in his course, as a horse (that rusheth in the battle. ⁷Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not

the judgment of the Lord. ⁸How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the Lord is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain. ⁹The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them?

¹⁰Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. ¹¹For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people lightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. ¹²Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the Lord.

¹³I will surely consume them, saith the Lord: there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig-tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them.

¹⁴Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the fortified cities, and let us be silent there: for the Lord our God hath put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against

the Lord. ¹⁵We looked for peace, but no good *came*; and for a time of healing, and behold terror!

¹⁶The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan: the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones; for they are come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those that dwell therein. ¹⁷For, behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you, which *will not be charmed*, and they shall bite you, saith the Lord.

¹⁸When I would strengthen myself against sorrow, my heart is faint in me. ¹⁹Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people from a far-off country: *Is not the Lord in Zion? is not her king in her?* Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities? ²⁰The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. ²¹For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me. ²²*Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the healing of the daughter of my people effected?* ²³Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night, for the slain of the daughter of my people!

9 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging-place of way-faring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them!

for they *are* all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men. ²And they bend their tongues *like* their bow *for* lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the Lord.

³Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slander. ⁴And they deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught the tongue to speak lies, and wear themselves to commit iniquity. ⁵Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the Lord.

⁶Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, I will melt them and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of my people? ⁷Their tongue is a sharpened arrow; it speaketh deceit: on which speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in his heart he layeth his wait.

⁸Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

⁹For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through them; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the

heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone. ¹⁰And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.

¹¹Who is the wise man, that may understand this? and *who* is *he* to whom the mouth of the Lord hath spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perisheth and is burned up like a wilderness, that none passeth through?

¹²And the Lord saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; ¹³But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after the Baalim, which their fathers taught them: ¹⁴Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, *even* this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. ¹⁵I will scatter them also among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

¹⁶Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come: ¹⁷And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters. ¹⁸For a voice of wailing is heard

out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because they have cast down our dwellings. ¹⁹Yet hear the word of the Lord, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation. ²⁰For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets. ²¹Speak, Thus saith the Lord, Even the carcasses of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather them.

²²Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: ²³But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I *am* the Lord who exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

²⁴Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will punish all them that are circumcised with the uncircumcised; ²⁵Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.

10 Hear ye the word which the Lord speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: ²Thus saith the Lord,

Learn not the way of the nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the nations are dismayed at them. ³For the customs of the people *are* vain: for it is but a tree which one cutteth out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. ⁴They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. ⁵They are a palm-like pillar of turned work, and speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot walk. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also *is it* in them to do good.

⁶Forasmuch as *there is* none like unto thee, O Lord; thou *art* great, and thy name *is* great in might. ⁷Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise *men* of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, *there is* none like unto thee. ⁸But through one thing they are brutish and foolish: the stock *is* a doctrine of vanities. ⁹Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple *is* their clothing: they *are* all the work of cunning *men*. ¹⁰But the Lord *is* the true God, he *is* the living God, and an everlasting king: at

his wrath the earth shall tremble and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. ¹¹Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, *even* they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. ¹²He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion. ¹³When he uttereth his voice *there is* a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures. ¹⁴Every man is brutish in *his* knowledge: every founder *is* confounded by the graver image: for his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them. ¹⁵They *are* vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. ¹⁶The portion of Jacob *is* not like them: for he *is* the former of all *things*; and Israel *is* the rod of his inheritance: The Lord of hosts *is* his name.

¹⁷Gather up thy wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the besieged place. ¹⁸For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this time, and will distress them, that they may find *it* so.

¹⁹Woe *is* me for my hurt! my wound *is* grievous: but I said, Truly *this is* a grief, and I must bear it. ²⁰My tabernacle *is* spoiled,

and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they are not: *there is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.* ²¹For the shepherds are become brutish, and have not sought the Lord: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered. ²²Behold, the noise of a report is come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, *and a den of dragons.*

²³O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: *it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.* ²⁴O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. ²⁵Pour out thy fury upon the nations that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.

11 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

¹Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; ²And say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant, ³Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: *so shall*

ye be my people, and I will be your God: ⁴That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, *as it is this day.* Then answered I, and said, So be it, O Lord.

⁵Then the Lord said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying,

Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them. ⁶For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, *even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice.* ⁷Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do; but they did *them* not.

⁸And the Lord said unto me,

A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ⁹They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. ¹⁰Therefore thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them. ¹¹Then shall

the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble. ¹³For according to the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah, and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to that shameful thing, even altars to burn incense unto Baal. ¹⁴Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.

¹⁵What hath my beloved to do in mine house, *seeing* she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest. ¹⁶The Lord called thy name, A green olive-tree, fair, and of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken. ¹⁷For the Lord of hosts, that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done for themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Baal.

¹⁸And the Lord hath given me knowledge of it, and I know it: then thou shewedst me their doings. ¹⁹But I was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against

me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered. ²⁰But O Lord of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

²¹Therefore thus saith the Lord of the men of Anathoth, that seek thy life, saying, Prophesy not in the name of the Lord, lest thou die not by our hand.

²²Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, I will punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine. ²³And there shall be no remnant of them: for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, even the year of their visitation.

12 Righteous art thou, O Lord: when I plead with thee: ye let me talk with thee of *thy* judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? *wherefore* are all they happy that deal very treacherously? ²Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: thou art near in their mouth, and far from their reins. ³But thou, O Lord, knowest me: thou hast seen me, and triest mine heart toward thee; pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

⁴How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field

with, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our last end.

⁶If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, *wherein* thou trustedst, *they wearied thee*, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of the Jordan? ⁷For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; yea, they have called a multitude after thee: believe them not, though they speak fair words unto thee.

⁸I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies. ⁹Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest; it crieth out against me: therefore have I hated it. ¹⁰Is mine heritage unto me as a speckled bird of prey? are the birds of prey round about against her? come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.

¹¹Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. ¹²They have made it desolate, and being desolate it mourneth unto me: the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart. ¹³The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilder-

ness: for the sword of the Lord shall devour from the *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land: no flesh shall have peace. ¹⁴They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, but shall not profit: and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the Lord.

¹⁵Thus saith the Lord against all mine evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. ¹⁶And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them back, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land. ¹⁷And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The Lord liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of my people. ¹⁸But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the Lord.

13 Thus saith the Lord unto me, Go and buy thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water. ²So I bought a girdle according to the word of the Lord, and put it on my loins.

³And the word of the Lord came unto me the second time, saying, Take the girdle that thou hast

bought, which is upon thy loins, and arise, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock. ²So I went, and hid it by the Euphrates, as the Lord commanded me. ³And it came to pass after many days, that the Lord said unto me, Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there. ⁷Then I went to the Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it: and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing.

⁸Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

⁹Thus saith the Lord, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. ¹⁰This evil people, that refuse to hear my words, that walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.

¹¹For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the Lord; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

¹²Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word; Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every

bottle shall be filled with wine. ¹³Then shalt thou say unto them Thus saith the Lord, Behold, will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. ¹⁴And I will dash them one against another, ever the fathers and the sons together saith the Lord: I will not pity nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them.

¹⁵Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the Lord hath spoken. ¹⁶Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness. ¹⁷But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for *your* pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the Lord's flock is carried away captive.

¹⁸Say unto the king and to the queen, Sit down lowly: for your headtires shall come down, *even* the crown of your glory. ¹⁹The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open *them*: Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive.

²⁰Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock? ²¹What wilt thou say when he shall pun-

ish thee? for thou hast taught them to be captains, and as chief over thee: shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail? ²²And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts uncovered, and thy heels made bare.

²³Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil. ²⁴Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness. ²⁵This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the Lord; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood. ²⁶Therefore will I uncover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear. ²⁷I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy harlotry, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! how long yet wilt thou not be made clean?

14 The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah concerning the droughts.

²Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up. ³And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads. ⁴Because the ground is cracked,

for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads. ⁵Yea, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook it, because there was no grass. ⁶And the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because there was no grass.

⁷O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee. ⁸O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night? ⁹Why shouldest thou be as a man overcome, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name: leave us not.

¹⁰Thus saith the Lord unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet, therefore the Lord doth not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.

¹¹Then said the Lord unto me, Pray not for this people for their good. ¹²When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt-offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence. ¹³Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, the prophets

say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place. ¹⁴Then the Lord said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spoke unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart. ¹⁵Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, though I sent them not, and who say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed. ¹⁶And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them.

¹⁷Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them;

Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow. ¹⁸If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest go about in a land that they know not.

¹⁹Hast thou utterly rejected Ju-

dah? hath thy soul loathed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and *there is no healing for us?* we looked for peace, and *there is no good*; and for the time of healing, and behold terror! ²⁰We acknowledge, O Lord, our wickedness, *and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against thee.* ²¹Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us. ²²Are there *any* among the vanities of the nations that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? *art not thou he, O Lord our God?* therefore we will wait for thee: for thou hast made all these *things*.

15 Then said the Lord unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, *yet my mind could not be toward this people:* cast *them* out of my sight, and let them go forth. ²And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the Lord: Such as *are* for death, to death; and such as *are* for the sword, to the sword; and such as *are* for the famine, to the famine; and such as *are* for the captivity, to the captivity. ³And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the Lord: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy. ⁴And I will make them a terror unto all kingdoms of the earth, because of

Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for *that* which he did in Jerusalem.

⁶For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall go aside to ask how thou doest? ⁷Thou hast forsaken me, saith the Lord, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting. ⁸And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave *them* of children, I will destroy my people, *since* they return not from their ways. ⁹Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas: I have brought upon them against the mothers of the young men a spoiler at noonday: I have caused tumult and terrors to fall upon her suddenly. ¹⁰She that hath borne seven languisheth: she hath swooned away; her sun is gone down while it *was* yet day: she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the Lord.

¹⁰Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor have men lent to me on usury; *yet* every one of them doth curse me.

¹¹The Lord said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee *well* in the time of evil and

in the time of affliction. ¹²Shall iron break the northern iron, and the steel? ¹³Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and *that* for all thy sins, even in all thy borders. ¹⁴And I will make *thee* to pass with thine enemies into a land *which* thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger, *which* shall burn upon you.

¹⁵O Lord, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy long-suffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke. ¹⁶Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts. ¹⁷I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, *which* refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a deceitful spring, *as* waters that are not secure?

¹⁹Therefore thus saith the Lord, If thou return, then will I bring thee back, *and* thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them. ²⁰And I will make thee unto this people a fortified brazen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not

prevail against thee: for I *am* with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the Lord. ²¹And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

16 The word of the Lord came also unto me, saying, ²Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place. ³For thus saith the Lord concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bore them, and concerning their fathers that begot them in this land; ⁴Deaths of diseases they shall die; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; *but* they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcasses shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

⁵For thus saith the Lord, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the Lord, *even* loving-kindness and mercies. ⁶Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall *men* lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them: ⁷Neither shall *men* break bread for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall *men* give

them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother. ⁸Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink. ⁹For thus saith the Lord of hosts the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

¹⁰And it shall come to pass when thou shalt tell this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the Lord pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the Lord our God? ¹¹Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the Lord, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; ¹²And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart. that they may not hearken unto me: ¹³Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, *neither* ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour.

¹⁴Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

¹⁴But, the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them back into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

¹⁵Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. ¹⁷For mine eyes *are* upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes. ¹⁸And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.

¹⁹O Lord, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the nations shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and *things* wherein *there is* no profit. ²⁰Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they *are* no gods?

²¹Therefore, behold, I will this time cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is The Lord.

17 The sin of Judah *is* written with a pen of iron, *and* with the point of a diamond: *it is*

graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars; ²Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills.

³O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance *and* all thy treasures to the spoil, *and* thy high places for sin, throughout all thy borders. ⁴And thou, even thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, *which* shall burn for ever.

⁵Thus saith the Lord, Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. ⁶For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land and not inhabited.

⁷Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. ⁸For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out its roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but its leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

⁹The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately sick: who can know it? ¹⁰I the Lord search the heart, *I* try the reins,

even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings.

¹¹As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth *them* not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end he shall be a fool.

¹²A glorious high throne from the beginning *is* the place of our sanctuary. ¹³O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, *and* they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters.

¹⁴Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou *art* my praise.

¹⁵Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the Lord? let it come now.

¹⁶As for me, I have not hastened from *being* a shepherd to follow thee: neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was *right* before thee.

¹⁷Be not a terror unto me: thou *art* my hope in the day of evil.

¹⁸Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

¹⁹Thus said the Lord unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by which they go out, and in

all the gates of Jerusalem; ²⁰And say unto them,

Hear ye the word of the Lord ye kings of Judah, and all Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:

²¹Thus saith the Lord; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem:

²²Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.

²³But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

²⁴And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the Lord, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein;

²⁵Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever.

²⁶And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt-offerings, and sacrifices, and meal-offerings, and incense, and bringing *sacrifices* of thanksgiving, unto the house of the Lord. ²⁷But

if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

18 The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

²Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. ³Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. ⁴And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

⁵Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

⁶O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; ⁸If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. ⁹And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; ¹⁰If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then

I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

¹¹Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good. ¹²And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

¹³Therefore thus saith the Lord; Ask ye now among the nations, who hath heard such things: the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing. ¹⁴Doth the snow of Lebanon leave the rock of the field? or do the cold waters that flow from afar ever dry up?

¹⁵Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up; ¹⁶To make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head. ¹⁷I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will shew them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

¹⁸Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us

smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words. ¹⁹Give heed to me, O Lord, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me. ²⁰Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them, *and* to turn away thy wrath from them. ²¹Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and hand them over to the power of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and *be* widows; and let their men be put to death; *let* their young men *be* slain by the sword in battle. ²²Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet. ²³Yet, Lord, thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay *me*: forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight, but let them be overthrown before thee; deal *thus* with them in the time of thine anger.

19 Thus said the Lord, Go and buy a potter's earthen bottle, and *take* of the elders of the people, and of the elders of the priests; ²And go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which *is* by the entry of the gate Harsith, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee, ³And say, Hear ye the word of the Lord, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus

saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel;

Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle. ⁴Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents; ⁵They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt-offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spoke *it*, neither came *it* into my mind: ⁶Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that this place shall no more be called Topheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter. ⁷And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives: and their carcasses will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth. ⁸And I will make this city desolate, and a hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof. ⁹And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and straitness, where-with their enemies, and they that

seek their lives, shall straiten them. ¹⁰Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee, ¹¹And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Even so will I break this people and this city, ¹²as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury *them* in Topheth, for want of a place to bury. ¹³Thus will I do unto this place, saith the Lord, and to the inhabitants thereof, and *even* make this city as Topheth: ¹⁴And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the place of Topheth, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink-offerings unto other gods.

¹⁵Then came Jeremiah from Topheth, whither the Lord had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the Lord's house; and said to all the people, ¹⁶Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

20 Now Pashhur the son of Immer the priest, who *was* chief overseer in the house of the Lord, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things. ²Then Pashhur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks

that *were* in the high gate of Benjamin, which *was* by the house of the Lord. ³And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashhur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, The Lord hath not called thy name Pashhur, but Magor-missabib. ⁴For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold *it*: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword. ⁵Moreover I will deliver all the wealth of this city, and all the gains thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, who shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon. ⁶And thou, Pashhur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied lies.

⁷O Lord, thou hast enticed me, and I was enticed: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me. ⁸For since I spoke, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the Lord was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.

"Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But *his word* was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not *endure it*. ¹⁰For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, *say they*, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, *saying*, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him. ¹¹But the Lord *is* with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: *their* everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten. ¹²But, O Lord of hosts, that triest the righteous, *and* seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.

¹³Sing unto the Lord, praise ye the Lord: for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evil-doers.

¹⁴Cursed *be* the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bore me be blessed. ¹⁵Cursed *be* the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad. ¹⁶And let that man be as the cities which the Lord overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide; ¹⁷Be-

cause he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb *to be* always pregnant *with me*. ¹⁸Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

21 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashhur the son of Malchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying, ²Inquire, I pray thee, of the Lord for us: for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us; peradventure the Lord will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us.

³Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah: ⁴Thus saith the Lord God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that *are* in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and *against* the Chaldeans, that besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city. ⁵And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath. ⁶And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence. ⁷And afterward, saith the Lord, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left

in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that ~~we~~ ^{will} ~~kill~~ ^{smite} their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

⁸And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death. ⁹He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that ~~goeth~~ ^{goeth} out, and falleth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey. ¹⁰For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the Lord: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

¹¹And touching the house of the king of Judah, say, Hear ye the word of the Lord; ¹²O house of David, thus saith the Lord; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver *him that is* spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

¹³Behold, I *am* against thee, O inhabitant of the valley, and rock of the plain, saith the Lord; who say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations? ¹⁴But I will punish you according to the fruit of your

doings, saith the Lord: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.

22 Thus saith the Lord; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, ²And say, Hear the word of the Lord, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates: ³Thus saith the Lord,

Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place. ⁴For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people. ⁵But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, saith the Lord, that this house shall become a desolation. ⁶For thus saith the Lord unto the king's house of Judah; Thou art Gilead unto me, and the head of Lebanon: yet surely I will make thee a wilderness, and cities which are not inhabited. ⁷And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast *them* into the fire.

⁸And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say

every man to his neighbour, Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this great city? ⁹Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

¹⁰Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him: *but* weep sore for him that goeth away: for he shall return no more, nor see his native country. ¹¹For thus saith the Lord touching Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, who went forth out of this place; He shall not return thither any more: ¹²But he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

¹³Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; *that* useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work; ¹⁴That saith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and *it is* ceiled with cedar, and painted with vermilion. ¹⁵Shalt thou reign, because thou rivallest with cedar *buildings*? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, *and* then *it was* well with him? ¹⁶He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then *it was* well with him: *was* not this to know me? saith the Lord. ¹⁷But thine eyes and thine heart *are* not but for thy covetousness, and

for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence to do *it*.

¹⁸Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; They shall not lament for him, *saying*, Al my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory! ¹⁹He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem. ²⁰Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Bashan, and cry from the passages: for all thy lovers are destroyed. ²¹I spoke unto thee in thy prosperity; *but* thou saidst, I will not hear. This *hath been* thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice. ²²The wind shall carry away all thy shepherds, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness. ²³Oh inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail!

²⁴As I live, saith the Lord, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence; ²⁵And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of *them* whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chal-

אנא. ²⁶And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bore thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die. ²⁷But to the land whereunto they desire to return, thither shall they not return.

²⁸Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol? *is he* a vessel wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not? ²⁹O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord. ³⁰Thus saith the Lord, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

23 Woe be unto the shepherds that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord. ²Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the shepherds that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord. ³And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. ⁴And I will set up shepherds over them who shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord.

⁵Behold, the days come, saith

the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous sprout, and he shall reign as king and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. ⁶In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord is our righteousness. ⁷Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; ⁸But, The Lord liveth, who brought up and who led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

⁹Concerning the prophets;

Mine heart within me is broken, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the Lord, and because of the words of his holiness. ¹⁰For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right. ¹¹For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the Lord. ¹²Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, *even* the

year of their visitation, saith the Lord.

¹³And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied by Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. ¹⁴I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem a horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evil-doers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. ¹⁵Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.

¹⁶Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Harken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁷They say still unto them that despise me, The Lord hath said, Ye shall have peace: and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. ¹⁸For who hath stood in the counsel of the Lord, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it?

¹⁹Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the

Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. ²¹I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

²³Am I a God near at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. ²⁶How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart; ²⁷Who think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal. ²⁸The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What hath the straw to do with the corn? saith the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

³⁰Therefore, behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the

Lord, that steal my words every one from his neighbour. ³¹Behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the Lord, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. ³²Behold, I *am* against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their wantonness, yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the Lord.

³³And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What *is* the message of the Lord? thou shalt then say unto them, What message? I will even forsake you, saith the Lord. ³⁴And *as for* the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The message of the Lord, I will even punish that man and his house. ³⁵Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the Lord answered? and, What hath the Lord spoken? ³⁶And the message of the Lord shall ye mention no more; for every man's word shall be his message; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the Lord of hosts our God. ³⁷Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the Lord answered thee? and, What hath the Lord spoken? ³⁸But since ye say, The message of the Lord; therefore thus saith the Lord; Because ye say this word, The message of the Lord, and I have sent unto you, saying, ye shall not say, The

message of the Lord; ³⁹Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence: ⁴⁰And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

24 The Lord shewed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the Lord, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. ²One basket had very good figs, *even* like the figs that are first-ripe: and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. ³Then said the Lord unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad. ⁴Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ⁵Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for *their* good. ⁶For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them back to this land: and I will build them, and not pull *them* down; and I will plant them, and not pluck *them* up.

⁷And I will give them a heart to know me, that I *am* the Lord; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart. ⁸And as the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, because they are so bad, surely thus saith the Lord, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt: ⁹And I will make them a terror unto all the kingdoms of the earth for *their* hurt, *to be* a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them. ¹⁰And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

25 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that *was* the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; ²Which Jeremiah the prophet spoke unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

³From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day, that *is* the three and twentieth year, the word of the Lord hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye have not hearkened. ⁴And the Lord hath sent unto you all

his servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear. ⁵They said, Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the Lord hath given unto you and to your fathers for ever and ever: ⁶And go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt. ⁷Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the Lord; that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

⁸Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words, ⁹Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the Lord, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations. ¹⁰Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle. ¹¹And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

¹²And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. ¹³And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, *even* all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations. ¹⁴For many nations and great kings shall make them serve also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

¹⁵For thus saith the Lord God of Israel unto me; Take the wine-cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. ¹⁶And they shall drink, and reel, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.

¹⁷Then took I the cup at the Lord's hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the Lord had sent me: ¹⁸*To wit*, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse; as *it is* this day; ¹⁹Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people; ²⁰And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of

Ashdod, ²¹Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon, ²²And all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the isle which is beyond the sea, ²³Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all *that are* in the utmost corners, ²⁴And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert, ²⁵And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes, ²⁶And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which *are* upon the face of the earth; and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them. ²⁷Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you. ²⁸And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Ye shall certainly drink. ²⁹For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the Lord of hosts.

³⁰Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The Lord shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation;

he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread *the grapes*, against all the inhabitants of the earth. ³¹A noise shall come *even* to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them *that are* wicked to the sword, saith the Lord.

³²Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the ends of the earth. ³³And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from *one end* of the earth even unto the *other end* of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

³⁴Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves *in the ashes*, ye lords of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a precious vessel. ³⁵And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the lords of the flock to escape. ³⁶A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and a howling of the lords of the flock, *shall be heard*: for the Lord hath spoiled their pasture. ³⁷And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of the Lord. ³⁸He hath forsaken his covert, as the lion: for their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the

destroying *sword*, and because of his fierce anger.

26 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the Lord, saying, ²Thus saith the Lord; Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word: ³Perhaps they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. ⁴And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, ⁵To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending *them*, but ye have not hearkened; ⁶Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

⁷So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord. ⁸Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the Lord had commanded *him* to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. ⁹Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the

Lord, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

¹⁰When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the Lord, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the Lord's house. ¹¹Then spoke the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears. ¹²Then spoke Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard. ¹³Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; and the Lord will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you. ¹⁴As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you. ¹⁵But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the Lord hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

¹⁶Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man is not

worthy to die; for he hath spoken to us in the name of the Lord our God. ¹⁷Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying, ¹⁸Micah the Morashtite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Zion shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest. ¹⁹Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear the Lord, and besought the Lord, and the Lord repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus might we procure great evil against our souls.

²⁰And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the Lord, Urijah the son of She-maiah of Kirjath-jearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah: ²¹And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death: but when Urijah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt; ²²And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, namely, El-nathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him into Egypt.

²³And they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who

slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people. ²⁴Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

27 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word unto Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, ²Thus saith the Lord to me; Make thee bonds and yokes, and put them upon thy neck. ³And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyrus, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messengers that come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah; ⁴And command them to say unto their masters, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say unto your masters; ⁵I have made the earth, the man and the beast that *are* upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me. ⁶And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him. ⁷And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall make him serve. ⁸And

it shall come to pass, *that* the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the Lord, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand. ⁹Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: ¹⁰For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish. ¹¹But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, saith the Lord; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

¹²I spoke also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live. ¹³Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the Lord hath spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? ¹⁴Therefore hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon:

for they prophesy a lie unto you. ¹⁶For I have not sent them, saith the Lord, yet they prophesy a lie in my name; that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.

¹⁷Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith the Lord; Harken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the Lord's house shall now shortly be brought back from Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you.

¹⁷Hearken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: wherefore should this city be laid waste? ¹⁸But if they be prophets, and if the word of the Lord be with them, let them now make intercession to the Lord of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the Lord, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon. ¹⁹For thus saith the Lord of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city, ²⁰Which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem. ²¹Yea, thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of the Lord, and in the

house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem; ²²They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be until the day that I visit them, saith the Lord; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

28 And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azzur the prophet, who was of Gibeon, spoke unto me in the house of the Lord, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, ²Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. ³Within two full years will I bring back into this place all the vessels of the Lord's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon: ⁴And I will bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, saith the Lord: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of the Lord, ⁶Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen; the Lord do so: the Lord perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the

Lord's house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place. ⁷Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people; ⁸The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence. ⁹The prophet that prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, *then* shall the prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly sent him.

¹⁰Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and broke it. ¹¹And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith the Lord; Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all the nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

¹²Then the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah *the prophet*, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, ¹³Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord; Thou hast broken the bars of wood: but thou shalt make for them bars of iron. ¹⁴For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Baby-

lon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

¹⁵Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The Lord hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. ¹⁶Therefore thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the Lord. ¹⁷So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

29 Now these *are* the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders that were carried away captive, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon; ²(After that Jeconiah the king, and the queen-mother, and the chamberlains, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;) ³By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,) saying,

⁴Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captive, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon: ⁵Build ye houses, and dwell in

them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; ⁶Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished. ⁷And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray unto the Lord for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

⁸For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that are in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. ⁹For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the Lord.

¹⁰For thus saith the Lord, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. ¹¹For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you a future and hope. ¹²Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. ¹³And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. ¹⁴And I will be found of you, saith the Lord: and I will bring back your captives, and I will gather you from

all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the Lord; and I will bring you back into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive. ¹⁵Because ye have said, The Lord hath raised us up prophets in Babylon;

¹⁶For thus saith the Lord of the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and of all the people that dwell in this city, and of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity; ¹⁷Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad. ¹⁸And I will pursue after them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will make them a terror unto all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and an astonishment, and a hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them: ¹⁹Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the Lord, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*; but ye would not hear, saith the Lord.

²⁰Hear ye therefore the word of the Lord, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon: ²¹Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie

unto you in my name; Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes; ²²And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah that *are* in Babylon, saying, The Lord make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire; ²³Because they have committed villainy in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and *am* a witness, saith the Lord.

²⁴*Thus* shalt thou also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying, ²⁵Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that *are* at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying, ²⁶The Lord hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the Lord, for every man *that is* mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldest put him in prison, and in the stocks. ²⁷Now therefore why hast thou not reprov'd Jeremiah of Anathoth, who maketh himself a prophet to you? ²⁸For therefore he sent unto us *in* Babylon, saying, *This captivity is long: build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.*

²⁹And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet. ³⁰Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah, saying, ³¹Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the Lord concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in a lie: ³²Therefore thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed: he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, saith the Lord; because he hath spoken rebellion against the Lord.

30 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, ²Thus speaketh the Lord God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. ³For, lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will bring back the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the Lord: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

⁴And these *are* the words that the Lord spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah. ⁵For thus saith the Lord; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. ⁶Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and

all faces are turned into paleness? 'Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. ⁸For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more make him serve. ⁹But they shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

¹⁰Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the Lord; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be at rest and tranquil, and none shall make him afraid. ¹¹For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee: though I make a full end of all the nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

¹²For thus saith the Lord, Thy bruise *is* incurable, and thy wound *is* grievous. ¹³There *is* none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines. ¹⁴All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; *because* thy sins were increased. ¹⁵Why criest

thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow *is* incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: *because* thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee. ¹⁶Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey. ¹⁷For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord; because they called thee an outcast, *saying*, This *is* Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

¹⁸Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling-places; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palaces shall remain after the manner thereof.

¹⁹And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

²⁰Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them. ²¹And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who *is* this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the

Lord. ²²And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

²³Behold, the whirlwind of the Lord goeth forth with fury, a raging storm: it shall fall upon the head of the wicked. ²⁴The fierce anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it. ²⁵At the same time, saith the Lord, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

31 Thus saith the Lord, The people *that was* left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; *even* Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. ²The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, Yea I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee. ³Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry. ⁴Again shalt thou plant vineyards upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall use the fruit *thereof*. ⁵For there shall be a day, *that* the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God.

⁶For thus saith the Lord; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout at the head of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Lord, save thy people, the

remnant of Israel.

⁷Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the extremities of the earth, *and* with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. ⁸They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim *is* my first-born.

⁹Hear the word of the Lord. O ye nations, and declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd *doth* his flock. ¹⁰For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of *him that was* stronger than he. ¹¹Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. ¹²Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. ¹³And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my peo-

ple shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord.

¹⁴Thus saith the Lord; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they *were* not.

¹⁵Thus saith the Lord; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. ¹⁶And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come back to their own border.

¹⁷I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself *thus*; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the Lord my God. ¹⁸Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon *my* thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

¹⁹Is Ephraim my dear son? *is he* a pleasant child? for as often as I speak of him, I do still remember him *for good*: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the Lord.

²⁰Set thee up waymarks, make thee pillars: set thine heart toward the highway, *even* the way *which* thou wentest: return, O virgin of Israel, return to these thy cities.

²¹How long wilt thou go hither and thither, O thou backsliding daughter? for the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall go about after a man.

²²Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring back their captivity; The Lord bless thee, O habitation of justice, and mountain of holiness. ²³And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they *that* go forth with flocks. ²⁴For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.

²⁵Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

²⁶Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast. ²⁷And it shall come to pass, *that* like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the Lord.

²⁸In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. ²⁹But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

³⁰Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: ³¹Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they broke, although I was a lord over them, saith the Lord: ³²But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³³And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

³⁴Thus saith the Lord, who giveth the sun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon, and of the stars for a light by night, who breaketh the sea that the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts *is* his name: ³⁵If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, *then* the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

³⁶Thus saith the Lord; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off

all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord.

³⁷Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the city shall be built to the Lord from the tower of Hananel unto the gate of the corner. ³⁸And the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath. ³⁹And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, *shall be* holy unto the Lord; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

32 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which *was* the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. ²For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which *was* in the king of Judah's house. ³For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; ⁴And Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes; ⁵And he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be

until I visit him, saith the Lord: though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper.

⁸And Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ⁹Behold Hanamel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth: for the right of redemption is thine to buy it. ¹⁰So Hanamel mine uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the Lord, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth, which is in the country of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine; buy it for thyself. Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. ¹¹And I bought the field of Hanamel my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver. ¹²And I inscribed in a deed, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances. ¹³So I took the deed of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open: ¹⁴And I gave the deed of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the sight of Hanamel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the deed of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison. ¹⁵And I charged Baruch before them, saying, ¹⁶Thus saith the

Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these deeds, this deed of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this deed which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days. ¹⁷For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be bought again in this land.

¹⁸Now when I had delivered the deed of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto the Lord, saying, ¹⁹Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee: ²⁰Thou shewest loving-kindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the great, the mighty God, the Lord of hosts, is his name, ²¹Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings: ²²Who hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day, and in Israel, and among other men; and hast made thee a name, as at this day: ²³And hast brought forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror; ²⁴And hast given them this land, which thou didst swear to their fathers to

give them, a land flowing with milk and honey. ²³And they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law; they have done nothing of all that thou commandest them to do: therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them: ²⁴Behold the mounds, they are come unto the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans, that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence: and what thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, thou seest it. ²⁵And thou hast said unto me, O Lord God, Buy thee the field for money, and take witnesses; for the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

²⁶Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah, saying, ²⁷Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me? ²⁸Therefore thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it: ²⁹And the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Baal, and poured out drink-offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger. ³⁰For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before me from their youth: for the chil-

dren of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith the Lord. ³¹For this city hath been to me as a provocation of mine anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day that I should remove it from before my face, ³²Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ³³And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction. ³⁴But they set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it. ³⁵And they built the high places of Baal which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech which I commanded them not: neither came it into my mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin. ³⁶And now therefore thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; ³⁷Behold, I will gather them out of all the countries, whither I have driven them

in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely: ³⁸And they shall be my people, and I will be their God: ³⁹And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: ⁴⁰And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. ⁴¹Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul. ⁴²For thus saith the Lord; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them. ⁴³And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, *It is desolate without man or beast; It is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.* ⁴⁴Men shall buy fields for money, and inscribe in deeds, and seal them, and take witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the Lord.

33 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet

shut up in the court of the prison, saying, ²Thus saith the Lord the maker thereof, the Lord that formed it, to establish it; the Lord is his name; ³Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and tell thee great and secret things, which thou knowest not.

⁴For thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down for bulwarks and for ramparts; ⁵They came to fight with the Chaldeans, but *it is* to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in mine anger and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city. ⁶Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. ⁷And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. ⁸And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. ⁹And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

¹⁰Thus saith the Lord; Again

there shall be heard in this place, which ye say *shall be* desolate without man and without beast, *even* in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast, ¹¹The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts: for the Lord *is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: *and* of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the Lord.

¹²Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be a habitation of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie down. ¹³In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that counteth *them*, saith the Lord.

¹⁴Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days, and at that time, will I cause the shoot of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment

and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this *is* the name wherewith she shall be called, The Lord is our righteousness.

¹⁷For thus saith the Lord; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; ¹⁸Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt-offerings, and to burn meal-offering, and to sacrifice continually.

¹⁹And the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah, saying, ²⁰Thus saith the Lord; If ye break my covenant of the day and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; ²¹Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers. ²²As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

²³Moreover the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying, ²⁴Considerest thou not what the people have spoken, saying, The Lord hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.

²⁵Thus saith the Lord; If my covenant be not with day and

night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; ²⁶Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

²⁴The word which came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth of his dominion, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities thereof, saying.

²Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel; Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, ³Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire: ⁴And thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon. ⁵Yet hear the word of the Lord, O Zedekiah king of Judah: ⁶Thus saith the Lord of thee, ⁷Thou shalt not die by the sword: ⁸But thou shalt die in peace: and with the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings that were before thee, so shall they burn odours for thee; and they will lament thee, saying, Ah lord! for I have

pronounced the word, saith the Lord.

⁹Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words unto Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem, ¹⁰When the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah: for these fortified cities remained of the cities of Judah.

¹¹This is the word that came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people that were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them; ¹²That every man should let his man-servant, and every man his maid-servant, being a Hebrew or a Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, to wit, of a Jew his brother. ¹³Now when all the princes, and all the people, that had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his man-servant, and every one his maid-servant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed, and let them go.

¹⁴But afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids. ¹⁵Therefore the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

¹⁶Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that

I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen, saying, ¹⁴At the end of seven years let ye go every man his brother a Hebrew, that hath been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear. ¹⁵And ye were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name: ¹⁶But ye turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids. ¹⁷Therefore thus saith the Lord; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the Lord, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you a terror unto all the kingdoms of the earth. ¹⁸And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, that have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof, ¹⁹The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the chamberlains,

and the priests, and all the people of the land, that passed between the parts of the calf; ²⁰will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and their dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth. ²¹And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which is gone up from you. ²²Behold, I will command, saith the Lord, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

35 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the Lord in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, ²Go unto the house of the Rechabites and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the Lord into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.

³So I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziniah, and his brethren, and a his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; ⁴And I brought them into the house of the Lord into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son

of Shallum, the keeper of the door: ²And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites howls full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine. ³But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever: ⁴Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye are strangers. ⁵Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters; ⁶Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: ⁷But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. ⁸But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we dwell at Jerusalem.

⁹Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah, saying, ¹⁰Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to

my words? saith the Lord. ¹¹The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto me. ¹²I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me. ¹³Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath not hearkened unto me: ¹⁴Therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.

¹⁵And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto

all that he hath commanded you: ¹⁹Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

36 And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, *that* this word came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, ²Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. ³It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

⁴So Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the Lord, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book. ⁵And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, *I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the Lord: ⁶Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the Lord in the ears of the people in the Lord's house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities. ⁷It may be they will present their supplication before the Lord, and will return every*

one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury of the Lord hath pronounced against this people.

⁸And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the Lord in the Lord's house.

⁹And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, *that* they proclaimed a fast before the Lord to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem. ¹⁰Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the Lord, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the high court, at the entry of the north gate of the Lord's house, in the ears of all the people.

¹¹Now when Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book the words of the Lord, ¹²Then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber, and, lo, all the princes sat there: even Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes. ¹³Then Michaiah declared unto them the words that he had heard when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people. ¹⁴Then

fore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Nechiah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them. ¹⁵And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read it in their ears. ¹⁶Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they turned in alarm to one another, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words. ¹⁷And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth? ¹⁸Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book. ¹⁹Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye are.

²⁰And they went in to the king into the court, and laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king. ²¹So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes that stood beside the king. ²²Now the king sat in the inter-house in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him. ²³And it

came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four columns, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth. ²⁴Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words. ²⁵And although Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll, he would not hear them. ²⁶But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the Lord hid them.

²⁷Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, ²⁸Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned. ²⁹And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith the Lord; Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast? ³⁰Therefore thus saith the Lord of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the

throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. ³¹And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not.

³²Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

37 And king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. ²But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the Lord, which he spoke by the prophet Jeremiah.

³And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the Lord our God for us. ⁴Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put him into prison. ⁵Then Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt: and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard

tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem. ⁶Then came word of the Lord unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying, ⁷Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel: Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to inquire of me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land. ⁸And Chaldeans shall come again, to fight against this city, and to take it, and burn it with fire. ⁹Thus saith the Lord; Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us, for they shall not depart. ¹⁰For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remain but wounded men among them, yet would they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

¹¹And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army, ¹²Then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to slip away thence in the midst of the people. ¹³And when he was in the gate of Benjamin a captain of the ward was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to the Chaldeans. ¹⁴Then said Jeremiah, It is false; I will not away to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him: so I

Jah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes. ¹⁸And the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.

¹⁶When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days; ¹⁷Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there *any* word from the Lord? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon. ¹⁸Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, Wherein have I sinned against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison? ¹⁹Where are now your prophets that prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land? ²⁰Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.

²¹Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the baker's street, until all the bread in the city was spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

38 Then Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying, ²Thus saith the Lord, He that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live. ³Thus saith the Lord, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, who shall take it.

⁴Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death; because he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt. ⁵Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand: for the king is not *he* that can do *any* thing against you. ⁶Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that was in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon *there was* no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.

⁷Now when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a eunuch, who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dun-

geon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin; ⁸Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's house, and spoke to the king, saying, ⁹My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is like to die for hunger in the place where he is: for *there is* no more bread in the city. ¹⁰Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die. ¹¹So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah. ¹²And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now *these* old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so. ¹³So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

¹⁴Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that *is* in the house of the Lord: and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me. ¹⁵Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare *it* unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and

if I give thee counsel, thou wilt not hearken unto me. ¹⁶So Zedekiah the king swore secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As the Lord liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek *thine* life.

¹⁷Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of hosts, the God of Israel, If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house: ¹⁸But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand. ¹⁹And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me. ²⁰But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver *thee*. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the Lord, which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live. ²¹But if thou refuse to go forth, this is the word that the Lord hath shewn me: ²²And, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house *shall be* brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those *women* shall say, Thy friends have set thee on, and have prevailed

against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned away back. ²³So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans: and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire.

²⁴Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die. ²⁵But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said unto thee: ²⁶Then thou shalt say unto them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.

²⁷Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived. ²⁸So Jeremiah abode in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken; and he was there when Jerusalem was taken.

39 In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it. ²And in the eleventh

year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken in. ³And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, Rab-saris, Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon. ⁴And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain. ⁵But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him. ⁶Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. ⁷Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon. ⁸And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem. ⁹Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell

to him, with the rest of the people that remained. ¹⁰But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, who had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

¹¹Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying, ¹²Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee. ¹³So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushasban, Rab-saris, and Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, and all the king of Babylon's princes; ¹⁴Even they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he dwelt among the people.

¹⁵Now the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying, ¹⁶Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished in that day before thee. ¹⁷But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the Lord: and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid. ¹⁸For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the

sword, but thy life shall be as a prey unto thee: because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the Lord.

40 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, after that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among them that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, they were carried away captive unto Babylon. ²And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The Lord thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place. ³Now the Lord hath brought it, and done according as he hath said: because ye have sinned against the Lord, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you. ⁴And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which are upon thine hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will look well unto thee: but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, the land is before thee: whithersoever it seemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go. ⁵Now while he was not yet gone back, he said, Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go wheresoever it seemeth convenient unto thee to go. So th

captain of the guard gave him virtuals and a reward, and let him go. ⁶Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

⁷Now when all the captains of the forces which *were* in the fields, *even* they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon; ⁸Then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Eplai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men. ⁹And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan swore unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. ¹⁰As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to serve the Chaldeans, that will come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put *them* in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken.

¹¹Likewise when all the Jews that *were* in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that *were* in all the countries,

heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan; ¹²Even all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

¹³Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, ¹⁴And said unto him, Dost thou certainly know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to slay thee? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not. ¹⁵Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know *it*: wherefore should he slay thee, that all the Jews that are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish? ¹⁶But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this thing: for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.

41 Now it came to pass in the seventh month, *that* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the royal seed, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Miz-

pah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah. ²Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land. ³Ishmael also slew all the Jews that were with him, *even* with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, *and* the men of war.

⁴And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew *it*, ⁵That there came certain men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, *even* fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to the house of the Lord. ⁶And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. ⁷And it was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, *and cast them* into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that *were* with him. ⁸But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, Slay us not: for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbore, and slew them not among their brethren.

⁹Now the pit wherein Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had slain because of Gedaliah, *was* that which Asa the king had made for feet of Baasha king of Israel: *and* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with *them that were* slain.

¹⁰Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that *were* in Mizpah, *even* the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: *and* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, *and* departed to go over to the Ammonites.

¹¹But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done

¹²Then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that *are* in Gibeon. ¹³Now it came to pass

that when all the people that *were* with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, then they were glad.

¹⁴So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah. ¹⁵But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites.

¹⁶Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after that he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, *even* mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon: ¹⁷And they departed, and dwelt in the habitation of Chimham, which is by Beth-lehem, to go to enter into Egypt, ¹⁸Because of the Chaldeans: for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

42 Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near, ²And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the Lord thy God, *even* for all this remnant; (for we are left *but* a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us:) ³That the Lord thy God may tell us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

⁴Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard *you*; behold, I will pray unto the Lord your God according to your

words; and it shall come to pass, that whatsoever thing the Lord shall answer you, I will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back from you.

⁵Then they said to Jeremiah, The Lord be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for which the Lord thy God shall send thee to us. ⁶Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the Lord our God, to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the Lord our God.

⁷And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah. ⁸Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, ⁹And said unto them, Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him; ¹⁰If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull *you* down, and I will plant you, and not pluck *you* up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you. ¹¹Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid: be not afraid of him, saith the Lord: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. ¹²And I will shew mercy unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land. ¹³But if ye

say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of the Lord your God, ¹⁴Saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell: ¹⁵And now therefore hear the word of the Lord, ye remnant of Judah, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there; ¹⁶Then it shall come to pass, *that* the sword, which ye feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye were afraid, shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die. ¹⁷So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them. ¹⁸For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more. ¹⁹The Lord hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah; Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have admonished you this day. ²⁰For

ye err in your hearts, when I sent me unto the Lord your God saying, Pray for us unto the Lord our God; and according unto all that the Lord our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do *it*. ²¹And *now* I have this day declared *it* to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the Lord your God, nor any *thing* for which he hath sent me unto you. ²²Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go *and* to sojourn

43 And it came to pass, *that* when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the Lord their God, for which the Lord their God had sent him to them, *even* all these words, ²Then spake Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely the Lord our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there: ³But Baruch the son of Neriah setteth thee against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon.

⁴So Johanan the son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the Lord, to dwell in the land of Judah. ⁵But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all

the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all the nations, whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah; ⁶*Even* men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah. ⁷So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the Lord: thus came they *even* to Tahpanhes.

⁸Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, ⁹Take great stones in thine hand, and hide them in the clay in the brick-kiln, which *is* at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah; ¹⁰And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them. ¹¹And when he cometh, he shall smite the land of Egypt, *and deliver such as are* for death to death; and such *as are* for captivity to captivity; and such *as are* for the sword to the sword. ¹²And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captive: and he shall wrap himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd

putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace. ¹³He shall break also the images of Beth-shemesh, that *is* in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall be burn with fire.

44 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews that dwelt in the land of Egypt, that dwelt at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying, ²Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they *are* a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein, ³Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, *and* to serve other gods, whom they knew not, *neither* they, ye, nor your fathers. ⁴Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate. ⁵But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods. ⁶Wherefore my fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted *and* desolate, as at this day. ⁷Therefore now thus saith the Lord, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; Wherefore commit ye *this* great evil

against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah, to leave you none to remain; ⁸In that ye provoke me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye are gone to dwell, that ye might cut yourselves off, and that ye might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth? ⁹Have ye forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem? ¹⁰They are not humbled *even* unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.

¹¹Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah. ¹²And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed, *and* fall in the land of Egypt; they shall *even* be consumed by the sword *and* by the famine: they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and they shall be an execration, *and* an astonish-

ment, and a curse, and a reproach. ¹³For I will punish the that dwell in the land of Egypt as I have punished Jerusalem by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: ¹⁴So that none of the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape to remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return but such as shall escape.

¹⁵Then all the men that knew that their wives had burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying, ¹⁶As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the Lord, we will not hear thee. ¹⁷But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven and to pour out drink-offering unto her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for *then* had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil. ¹⁸But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her, we have wanted all *things*, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine. ¹⁹And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven

and poured out drink-offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to idolise her, and pour out drink-offerings unto her, without our men?

¹⁹Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people that had given him *that* answer, saying, ²¹The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the Lord remember them, and came it *not* into his mind? ²²So that the Lord could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day. ²³Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the Lord, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day.

²⁴Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the Lord, all Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt: ²⁵Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform

our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows. ²⁶Therefore hear ye the word of the Lord, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the Lord, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord God liveth. ²⁷Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them. ²⁸Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt, to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or theirs. ²⁹And this *shall* be a sign unto you, saith the Lord, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil: ³⁰Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will give Pharaoh-hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

45 The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

²Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch; ³Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the Lord hath added grief to my sorrow; I am weary with my sighing, and I find no rest. ⁴Thus shalt thou say unto him, The Lord saith thus; Behold, *that* which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land. ⁵And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek *them* not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

46 The word of the Lord which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the nations;

²Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah. ³Order ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle. ⁴Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with *your* helmets; furbish the spears, *and* put on the armours. ⁵Wherefore have I seen

them dismayed *and* turned aw back? and their mighty ones : beaten down, and are fled apace and look not back: *for* fear *is* round about, saith the Lord. ⁶I will not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

⁷Who is this *that* cometh up like a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers? ⁸Egypt riseth like a flood, and *its* waters : moved like the rivers; and *it* saith, I will go up, *and* will cover the earth; I will destroy the cities and the inhabitants thereof. ⁹Go up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; Cush and Put, handle the shield; and the Lybians, that handle *and* bend the bow.

¹⁰For this is the day of the Lord God of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge himself of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satisfied and made drunk with the blood: for the Lord God of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates. ¹¹Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines; *for* thou shalt not be cured. ¹²The nations have heard of thy shame, and they have filled the land: *for* the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, *and* they are fallen both together.

¹³The word that the Lord spake

to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come and smite the land of Egypt. ¹⁴Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee. ¹⁵Why are they valiant men swept away? they stood not, because the Lord did drive them. ¹⁶He made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword. ¹⁷They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath passed the time appointed. ¹⁸As I live, saith the King, whose name is the Lord of hosts, Surely as Tabor is among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, so shall he come. ¹⁹O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, make thee equipments of exile: for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant. ²⁰Egypt is like a very fair heifer, but destruction cometh; it cometh out of the north. ²¹Also her hired men are in the midst of her like fatted bullocks; for they also are turned back, and are fled away together: they did not stand, because the day of their calamity was come upon them, and the time of their visitation. ²²The voice thereof shall be like a serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood. ²³They shall cut down

her forest, saith the Lord, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the grasshoppers, and are innumerable. ²⁴The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.

²⁵The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saith; Behold, I will punish Amon of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and all them that trust in him: ²⁶And I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants: and afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, saith the Lord.

²⁷But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel; for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. ²⁸Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the Lord: for I am with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.

47 The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Gaza.

²Thus saith the Lord; Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein; then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl. ³At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong horses, at the rushing of his chariots, and at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to their children for feebleness of hands; ⁴Because of the day that cometh to spoil all the Philistines, and to cut off from Tyrus and Sidon every helper that remaineth: for the Lord will spoil the Philistines, the remnant of the country of Caphtor. ⁵Baldness is come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is cut off with the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself? ⁶O thou sword of the Lord, how long will it be ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be still. ⁷How can it be quiet, seeing the Lord hath given it a charge against Ashkelon, and against the seashore? there hath he appointed it.

48 Against Moab thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Woe unto Nebo! for it is spoiled: Kiriathaim is confounded and taken: Misgab is confounded and dismayed. ²There shall be no more praise of Moab: in Heshbon they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from being a nation.

Also thou shalt be cut down, Madmen; the sword shall pursue thee.

³A voice of crying shall from Horonaim, spoiling at great destruction. ⁴Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard. ⁵For in the going up of Luhith continual weeping shall go up: for in the going down of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction. ⁶Flee, save your lives and be like the heath in the wilderness.

⁷For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken, and Chemosh shall go forth in captivity with his priests and his princes together. ⁸And the spoiler shall come upon every city and no city shall escape: the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the Lord hath spoken.

⁹Give wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein. ¹⁰Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

¹¹Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he that settleth on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent not changed. ¹²Therefore, behold the days come, saith the Lord

that I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles. ¹⁸And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Beth-el their confidence.

¹⁴How say ye, We *are* mighty and strong men for the war?

¹⁶Moab is spoiled, and gone up out of its cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name *is* the Lord of hosts. ¹⁰The calamity of Moab *is* near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast. ¹²All ye that are about him, bemoan him; and all ye that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, *and* the beautiful rod!

¹⁰Thou daughter that dost inhabit Dibon, come down from *thy* glory, and sit in thirst; for the spoiler of Moab shall come upon thee, *and* he shall destroy thy strongholds. ¹⁰O inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, and watch, ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, *and* say, What is done? ²⁰Moab is confounded; for it is broken down: howl and cry; tell ye it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled.

²¹And judgment is come upon the country of the plain; upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath, ²²And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-diblathaim, ²³And upon Kir-athaim, and upon Beth-gamul, and upon Beth-meon, ²⁴And upon

Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near. ²⁵The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the Lord. ²⁶Make ye him drunken: for he magnified *himself* against the Lord: Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision. ²⁷For was not Israel a derision unto thee? was he found among thieves? for since thou spokedst of him, thou noddedst *thy* head. ²⁸O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove *that* maketh her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.

²⁹We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart. ³⁰I know his wrath, saith the Lord; but *it shall* not be so; his lies shall not so effect *it*. ³¹Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; *mine heart* shall mourn for the men of Kir-heres.

³²O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer: thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach *even* to the sea of Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage. ³³And joy and gladness is taken from the fruitful field, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the wine-presses: none shall tread *joyfully shouting*, Hedad, Hedad! there *shall* be no Hedad!

³⁴From the cry of Heshbon *even*

unto Elealeh, and *even* unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, from Zoar *even* unto Horonaim, as a heifer of three years old: for the waters also of Nimrim shall be desolate.

³⁵Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the Lord, him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods. ³⁶Therefore mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kir-heres: because the riches *that* he hath gotten are perished.

³⁷For every head *shall be* bald, and every beard clipped: upon all the hands *shall be* cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth. ³⁸*There shall be* lamentation generally upon all the housetops of Moab, and in the streets thereof: for I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein *is* no pleasure, saith the Lord. ³⁹They shall howl, *saying*, How is it broken down! how hath Moab turned the back with shame! so shall Moab be a derision and a dismaying to all them about him.

⁴⁰For thus saith the Lord; Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab. ⁴¹Kerioth is taken, and the strongholds are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs. ⁴²And Moab shall be destroyed from *being* a people, because he hath magnified *himself* against the Lord. ⁴³Fear, and the pit, and

the snare, *shall be* upon thee, inhabitant of Moab, saith the Lord. ⁴⁴He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon it, *even* upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the Lord.

⁴⁵They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force: but a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones. ⁴⁶Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chamosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken captive, and thy daughters captive. ⁴⁷Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the Lord. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

49 Concerning the Ammonites thus saith the Lord; Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why *then* doth their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities? ²Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the Lord.

³Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled: cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth, lament, and run to and fro

the hedges; for their king shall go into captivity, and his priests and his princes together.

⁴Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come unto me? ⁵Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord God of hosts, from all those that are about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wandereth. ⁶And afterward I will bring back the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the Lord.

⁷Concerning Edom, thus saith the Lord of hosts; *Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?* ⁸Flee ye, turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time that I will visit him. ⁹If grape-gatherers come to thee, would they not leave some gleanings? if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough. ¹⁰But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he is not. ¹¹Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

¹²For thus saith the Lord; Behold, they whose judgment was not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunk; and art thou

he that shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink of it. ¹³For I have sworn by myself, saith the Lord, that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.

¹⁴I have heard a rumour from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent unto the nations, saying, Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle. ¹⁵For, lo, I will make thee small among the nations, and despised among men. ¹⁶Thy terrible-ness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldst make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the Lord. ¹⁷Also Edom shall be a desolation: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof. ¹⁸As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the Lord, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it. ¹⁹Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of the Jordan against the habitation of the strong: but I will suddenly make him run away from her: and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that

will stand before me? ²⁰Therefore hear the counsel of the Lord, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them. ²¹The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the Red Sea. ²²Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

²³Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are faint-hearted; *there is* sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet. ²⁴Damascus is waxed feeble, *and* turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on *her*: anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail. ²⁵How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy! ²⁶Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the Lord of hosts. ²⁷And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Ben-hadad.

²⁸Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the Lord; Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the east.

²⁹Their tents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels, and they shall cry unto them Fear is on every side. ³⁰Flee get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the Lord, for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you

³¹Arise, get you up unto the tranquil nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the Lord that have neither gates nor bars that dwell alone. ³²And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter unto all winds them *that are* in the utmost corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the Lord. ³³And Hazor shall be a dwelling for dragons, *and* a desolation for ever: there shall no man abide there, nor *any* son of man dwell in it.

³⁴The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

³⁵Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.

³⁶And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come. ³⁷For I will cause

Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, *even* my fierce anger, saith the Lord; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them: ³⁸And I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, saith the Lord. ³⁹But it shall come to pass in the latter days, *that* I will bring back the captivity of Elam, saith the Lord.

50 The word that the Lord spoke against Babylon *and* against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet. ¹Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, *and* conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces. ²For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

³In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the Lord their God. ⁴They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, *saying*, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant *that* shall not be forgotten.

⁵My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away *on* the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting-place. ⁶All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the Lord, the habitation of justice, even the Lord, the hope of their fathers.

⁷Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he-goats before the flocks. ⁸For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows *shall be* as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain. ⁹And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the Lord.

¹⁰Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as bulls; ¹¹Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bore you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations *shall be* a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. ¹²Because of the wrath of the Lord it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues. ¹³Put

yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the Lord. ¹⁵Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the Lord: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her. ¹⁶Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

¹⁷Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven *him* away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones. ¹⁸Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. ¹⁹And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead. ²⁰In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be none*; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

²¹Go up against the land of Merathaim, *even* against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod:

waste and utterly destroy after them, saith the Lord, and do according to all that I have commanded thee. ²²A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction. ²³How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations! ²⁴I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the Lord. ²⁵The Lord hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this is the work of the Lord God of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

²⁶Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left. ²⁷Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation. ²⁸The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the Lord our God, the vengeance of his temple.

²⁹Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the Lord, against the Holy One of Israel.

³⁰Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the Lord.

³¹Behold, I *am* against thee, O thou most proud, saith the Lord God of hosts: for thy day is come, the time *that* I will visit thee. ³²And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.

³³Thus saith the Lord of hosts; The children of Israel and the children of Judah *were* oppressed together: and all that took them captive held them fast; they refused to let them go. ³⁴Their redeemer *is* strong; the Lord of hosts *is* his name: he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

³⁵A sword *is* upon the Chaldeans, saith the Lord, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise men. ³⁶A sword *is* upon the lying soothsayers; and they shall become foolish: a sword *is* upon her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed. ³⁷A sword *is* upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that *are* in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword *is* upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed. ³⁸A drought *is* upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it *is* the land of graven

images, and they are mad upon *their* idols.

³⁹Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell *there*, and the ostriches shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. ⁴⁰As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the Lord; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

⁴¹Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the extremities of the earth. ⁴²They shall hold the bow and the lance: they *are* cruel, and will not shew mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, *every one* put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon. ⁴³The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hand waxed feeble: anguish took hold of him, and pangs as of a woman in travail.

⁴⁴Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of the Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who *is* a chosen man, *that* I may appoint over her? for who *is* like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who *is* that shepherd that will stand before

me? ⁴³Therefore hear ye the counsel of the Lord, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make *their* habitation desolate with them. ⁴⁴At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

51 Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind; ²And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about. ³Against *him* that bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against *him* that lifteth himself up in his armour: and spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host. ⁴Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and *they that are* thrust through in her streets. ⁵For Israel *hath* not *been* forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the Lord of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel. ⁶Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this *is* the time of the Lord's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompense. ⁷Babylon *hath* *been* a golden cup

in the Lord's hand, that mad all the earth drunk: the nation have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. ⁸Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, perhaps she may be healed. ⁹We would have healed Babylon but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven and is lifted up *even* to the skies. ¹⁰The Lord hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the Lord our God.

¹¹Make bright the arrows; get the shields ready: the Lord hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device *is* against Babylon, to destroy it; because it *is* the vengeance of the Lord, the vengeance of his temple. ¹²Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the Lord hath both devised and done that which he spoke against the inhabitants of Babylon. ¹³O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness. ¹⁴The Lord of hosts hath sworn by himself, *saying*, Surely I will fill thee with men, as with caterpillars; and they shall lift up a shout against thee.

¹⁵He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the

world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding. ¹⁶When he uttereth *his* voice, *there is* a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures. ¹⁷Every man is brutish by *his* knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them. ¹⁸*They are* vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. ¹⁹The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things: and *Israel is* the rod of his inheritance: the Lord of hosts is his name.

²⁰Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; ²¹And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and its rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and its rider; ²²With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid; ²³I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces governors and rulers. ²⁴And I will render unto

Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the Lord.

²⁵Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain. ²⁶And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the Lord.

²⁷Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillars. ²⁸Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the governors thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion. ²⁹And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the Lord shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.

³⁰The mighty men of Babylon have forborne to fight, they have remained in *their* strongholds: their might hath failed; they became as women: they have burned her dwelling-places; her bars are broken. ³¹One courier shall run

to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to tell to the king of Babylon that his city is taken at *one end*, ³²And that the passages are taken, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted. ³³For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing-floor, at the time of threshing therein; yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

³⁴Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicacies, he hath cast me out. ³⁵The violence done to me and to my flesh *be* upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.

³⁶Therefore thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry. ³⁷And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling-place for dragons, an astonishment, and a hissing, without an inhabitant. ³⁸They shall roar together like lions: they shall yell as lions' whelps. ³⁹In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the Lord. ⁴⁰I will bring them down like lambs to the

slaughter, like rams with *horns* goats.

⁴¹How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations! ⁴²The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof. ⁴³Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth *any* son of man pass thereby. ⁴⁴And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

⁴⁵My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the Lord. ⁴⁶And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; a rumour shall both come *one year*, and after that in *another year shall come* a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler. ⁴⁷Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her. ⁴⁸Then the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the Lord. ⁴⁹As Babylon *hath*

caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the land.

⁵⁰Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember the Lord afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind. ⁵¹We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the Lord's house.

⁵²Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall groan. ⁵³Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the Lord.

⁵⁴A sound of a cry cometh from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans:

⁵⁵Because the Lord hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered:

⁵⁶Because the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: for the Lord God of recompenses shall surely requite. ⁵⁷And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her governors, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the king, whose name is the Lord of hosts.

⁵⁸Thus saith the Lord of hosts;

The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labour in vain, and the folk for the fire, and they shall be weary.

⁵⁹The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And Seraiah was quartermaster.

⁶⁰So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written against Babylon. ⁶¹And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words; ⁶²Then shalt thou say, O Lord, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever. ⁶³And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates: ⁶⁴And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary.

Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

52 Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal the

daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. ²And he did *that which was* evil in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. ³For through the anger of the Lord it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

⁴And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about. ⁵So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. ⁶And in the fourth month, in the ninth *day* of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. ⁷Then the city was broken in, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which *was* by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans *were* by the city round about:) and they went by the way of the plain. ⁸But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. ⁹Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him. ¹⁰And the king of Babylon

slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah. ¹¹Then he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah, and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

¹²Now in the fifth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, which *was* the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, who served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem, ¹³And burned the house of the Lord, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great *men*, burned he with fire: ¹⁴And all the army of the Chaldeans, that *were* with the captain of the guard, broke down all the walls of Jerusalem round about. ¹⁵Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive *certain* of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude. ¹⁶But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left *certain* of the poor of the land for vine-dressers and for husbandmen.

¹⁷Also the pillars of brass that *were* in the house of the Lord, and the bases, and the brazen sea that *was* in the house of the Lord, the Chaldeans broke, and carried all the brass of them to Baby-

lon. ¹⁸The caldrons also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the sprinkling vessels, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. ¹⁹And the bowls, and the fire-pans, and the basins, and the caldrons, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the purifying vessels; *that which was of gold in gold, and that which was of silver in silver*, took the captain of the guard away. ²⁰The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brazen bulls that *were* under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of the Lord: the brass of all these vessels was without weight. ²¹And *concerning* the pillars, the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits; and a fillet of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof *was* four fingers: *it was* hollow. ²²And a capital of brass *was* upon it; and the height of one capital *was* five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the capitals round about, all of brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates *were* like unto these. ²³And there were ninety and six pomegranates on a side; *and* all the pomegranates upon the network *were* a hundred round about.

²⁴And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door: ²⁵He took also out of the city a chamberlain, who had the charge of the men of war; and

seven men of them that were near the king's person, that were found in the city; and the scribe of the chief of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city. ²⁶So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. ²⁷And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.

²⁸This is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand Jews and three and twenty: ²⁹In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two persons: ³⁰In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons *were* four thousand and six hundred.

³¹And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, *that* Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the first year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison,

<p>³²And spoke kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that <i>were</i> with him in Babylon, ³³And changed his prison garments: and he did continually eat bread before him all</p>	<p>the days of his life. ³⁴And for his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.</p>
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EZEKIEL

1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I *was* among the captives by the river of Chebar, *that* the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. ²In the fifth day of the month, (it *was* the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity,) ³The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord *was* there upon him.

⁴And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a flaming fire, and a brightness *was* about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire. ⁵Also out of the midst thereof *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And this *was* their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. ⁶And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. ⁷And their feet *were* straight feet; and the sole of their feet *was* like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass. ⁸And *they had* the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides;

and they four had their faces and their wings. ⁹Their wings *were* joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. ¹⁰As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle. ¹¹Thus *were* their faces: and their wings *were* stretched upward; two *wings* of every one *were* joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. ¹²And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit *was* to go, they went; and they turned not when they went. ¹³As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance *was* like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of torches: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire *was* bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. ¹⁴And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

¹⁵Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, at each of their four faces.

¹⁶The appearance of the wheels and their work *was* like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work *was* as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel. ¹⁷When they went, they went upon their four sides: *and* they turned not when they went.

¹⁸As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings *were* full of eyes round about them four. ¹⁹And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. ²⁰Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither *was* their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature *was* in the wheels. ²¹When those went, *these* went; and when those stood, *these* stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature *was* in the wheels.

²²And the likeness of a firmament *was* over the heads of the living creature, like the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.

²³And under the firmament *were* their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies.

²⁴And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like

the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the noise of tumult, as the noise of a host: when they stood, they let down their wings. ²⁵And there was a voice from the firmament that *was* over their heads, when they stood, *and* had let down their wings.

²⁶And above the firmament that *was* over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne *was* the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

²⁷And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.

²⁸As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so *was* the appearance of the brightness round about. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke.

2 And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet. and I will speak unto thee. ²And the spirit entered into me when he spoke unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spoke unto me. ³And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath re-

belled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, *even* unto this very day. ⁴For *they are* impudent children and stiff-hearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. ⁵And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they *are* a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

⁶And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns *be* with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house. ⁷And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they *are* most rebellious. ⁸But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.

⁹And when I looked, behold, a hand *was* sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book *was* therein; ¹⁰And he spread it before me; and it *was* written within and without: and *there was* written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

3 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. ²So I

opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. ³And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness. ⁴And he said unto me, Son of man, go get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. ⁵For thou *art* not sent to a people of an obscure speech and of a hard language, *but* to the house of Israel; ⁶Not to many peoples of an obscure speech and of a hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee. ⁷But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel *are* impudent and hard-hearted. ⁸Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. ⁹As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house. ¹⁰Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. ¹¹And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

¹²Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, *saying*, Blessed be the glory of the Lord from his place. ¹³*I heard* also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing. ¹⁴So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the Lord was strong upon me. ¹⁵Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there among them seven days in a state of stupor.

¹⁶And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the Lord came unto me, *saying*, ¹⁷Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. ¹⁸When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. ¹⁹Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. ²⁰Again, When a righteous *man* doth turn from his righteousness, and commit in-

iquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. ²¹Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous *man*, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

²²And the hand of the Lord was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee. ²³Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the Lord stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face. ²⁴Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spoke with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house. ²⁵But thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them: ²⁶And I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover: for they *are* a rebellious house. ²⁷But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: He that heareth, let him hear: and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they *are* a rebellious house.

4 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and portray upon it the city, even Jerusalem: ²And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set *battering rams* against it round about. ³Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This *shall be* a sign to the house of Israel. ⁴Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: *according to* the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity. ⁵For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. ⁶And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year. ⁷Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm *shall be* uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it. ⁸And, behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege.

⁹Take thou also unto thee

wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, *according to* the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof. ¹⁰And thy meat which thou shalt eat *shall be* by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it. ¹¹Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of a hin: from time to time shalt thou drink. ¹²And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight.

¹³And the Lord said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the nations, whither I will drive them. ¹⁴Then said I, Ah Lord God! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth. ¹⁵Then he said unto me, Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith. ¹⁶Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with anxiety; and they shall drink water by measure, and in dismay: ¹⁷That they may want bread and water, and be in a stupor one with another, and pine away for their iniquity.

5 And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp sword, take thee a barber's razor, and cause it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the *hair*. ²Thou shalt burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled: and thou shalt take a third part, *and* smite about it with a sword: and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind: and I will draw out a sword after them. ³Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts. ⁴Then take of them again, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; *for* thereof shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.

⁵Thus saith the Lord God; This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries *that are* round about her. ⁶And she rebelled against my judgments more wickedly than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries *that are* round about her: for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them. ⁷Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye are turbulent more than the nations *that are* round about you, *and* have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, neither have done according to the judgments of the nations *that are* round about you; ⁸Therefore thus saith the Lord

God; Behold, I, even I, *am* again thee, and will execute judgment in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations. ⁹And I will do to thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations. ¹⁰Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will scatter into all the winds. ¹¹Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord God; Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish *thee*; neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity. ¹²A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them. ¹³Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the Lord have spoken *it* in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them. ¹⁴Moreover I will make thee waste, and a reproach among the nations *that are* round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by. ¹⁵So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment unto

the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger, and in fury, and in furious rebukes. I the Lord have spoken it. ¹⁰When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for their destruction, and which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread: ¹¹So will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the Lord have spoken it.

6 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, ³And say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Behold, I, *even I*, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. ⁴And your altars shall be desolate, and your sun-images shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols. ⁵And I will lay the dead carcasses of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars. ⁶In all your dwelling-places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and

your idols may be broken and cease, and your sun-images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. ⁷And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord. ⁸Yet will I leave a remnant, in that ye may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries. ⁹And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captive, because I am broken with their straying heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go astray after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. ¹⁰And they shall know that I *am* the Lord, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

¹¹Thus saith the Lord God; Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence. ¹²He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is preserved shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them. ¹³Then shall ye know that I *am* the Lord, when their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every

high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols.

¹⁴So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I *am* the Lord.

7 Moreover the word of the

Lord came unto me, saying, ²Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God unto the land of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land.

³Now *is* the end *come* upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations. ⁴And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord.

⁵Thus saith the Lord God; An evil, an only evil, behold, is come.

⁶An end is come, the end is come: it watcheth for thee; behold, it is come. ⁷The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble *is* near, and not the joyful call of the mountains. ⁸Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense

thee for all thine abomination. ⁹And mine eye shall not spare: neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations *that* are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord that smiteth.

¹⁰Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded. ¹¹Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of them *shall remain*, nor of their multitude, nor of any of theirs: neither *shall there be* wailing for them.

¹²The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for wrath *is* upon all the multitude thereof. ¹³For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they were yet alive: for the vision *is* touching the whole multitude thereof, *which* shall not return; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life. ¹⁴They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath *is* upon all the multitude thereof. ¹⁵The sword *is* without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that *is* in the field shall die with the sword; and he that *is* in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him. ¹⁶But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his in-

iniquity. ¹⁷All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water. ¹⁸They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads. ¹⁹They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumbling-block of their iniquity. ²⁰As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty: but they made the images of their abominations and of their detestable things therein: therefore have I set it far from them. ²¹And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall pollute it. ²²My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret place: for the robbers shall enter into it, and defile it.

²³Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. ²⁴Wherefore I will bring the worst of the nations, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled. ²⁵Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. ²⁶Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour;

then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients. ²⁷The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

8 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord God fell there upon me. ²Then I beheld, and, lo, a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber. ³And he put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. ⁴And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the valley. ⁵Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the

north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. ⁶He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? *even* the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but thou shalt see again still greater abominations. ⁷And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. ⁸Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. ⁹And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. ¹⁰So I went in and saw, and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about. ¹¹And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. ¹²Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The Lord seeth us not; the Lord hath forsaken the earth. ¹³He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations that they do. ¹⁴Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Lord's house which

was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz. ¹⁵Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations than these. ¹⁶And he brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, *were* about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. ¹⁷Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. ¹⁸Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, *yet* will I not hear them.

9 He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man *with* his destroying weapon in his hand. ²And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them *was* clothed with linen, with a writer's

inkhorn by his side: and they went in and stood beside the brazen altar. ⁸And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed in linen, who *had* the writer's inkhorn by his side; ⁹And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that are done in the midst thereof. ¹⁰And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: ¹¹Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom *is* the mark: and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men that *were* before the house. ¹²And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city. ¹³And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord God! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem? ¹⁴Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah *is* exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The Lord hath for-

saken the earth, and the Lord seeth not. ¹⁵And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, *but* I will recompense their way upon their head. ¹⁶And, behold, the man clothed in linen, who *had* the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

10 Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubim there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne. ²And he spoke unto the man clothed in linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, *even* under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter *them* over the city. And he went in in my sight. ³Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. ⁴Then the glory of the Lord went up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of brightness of the Lord's glory. ⁵And the sound of the cherubim's wings was heard *even* to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh. ⁶And it came to pass, *that* when he had commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubim; then he went in, and

stood beside the wheels. ⁷And one cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim unto the fire that *was* between the cherubim, and took *thereof*, and put it into the hands of *him that was* clothed in linen: who took it, and went out. ⁸And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under their wings. ⁹And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the cherubim, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels *was* as the colour of a beryl stone. ¹⁰And *as for* their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel. ¹¹When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went. ¹²And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, *were* full of eyes round about, *even* the wheels that they four had. ¹³As for the wheels, they were called wheelwork in my hearing, ¹⁴And every one had four faces: the first face *was* the face of a cherub, and the second face *was* the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. ¹⁵And the cherubim were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar. ¹⁶And when the cherubim went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubim

lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the sun wheels also turned not from beside them. ¹⁷When they stood *these* stood; and when they were lifted up, *these* lifted up themselves *also*: for the spirit of the living creature *was* in them.

¹⁸Then the glory of the Lord departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim. ¹⁹And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight when they went out, the wheels *also were* beside them, and *every one* stood at the door of the east gate of the Lord's house; and the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above. ²⁰This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river Chebar; and I knew that they *were* the cherubim. ²¹Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man *was* under their wings. ²²And the likeness of their faces *was* the same as the faces which I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves: they went every one straight forward.

11 Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the Lord's house, which looketh eastward: and, behold, at the door of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. ²Then said he unto me, Son of man, these

are the men that devise mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city: ³That say, *It is not near; let us build houses: this city is the caldron, and we are the flesh.* ⁴Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.

⁵And the spirit of the Lord fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the Lord; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, *every one of them.* ⁶Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain. ⁷Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they *are* the flesh, and this city *is* the caldron; but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it. ⁸Ye have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, saith the Lord God. ⁹And I will bring you out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you. ¹⁰Ye shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in the border of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord. ¹¹This city shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; *but* I will judge you in the border of Israel: ¹²And ye shall know that I *am* the Lord: for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the nations that *are* round about you.

¹³And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord God! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

¹⁴Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ¹⁵Son of man, thy brethren, *even* thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel wholly, *are* they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the Lord: unto us is this land given in possession. ¹⁶Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord God; Although I have cast them far off among the nations, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come. ¹⁷Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord God; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. ¹⁸And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. ¹⁹And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh: ²⁰That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. ²¹But *as for*

them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord God.

²²Then did the cherubim lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. ²³And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city. ²⁴Afterwards the spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me. ²⁵Then I spoke unto them of the captivity all the things that the Lord had shewn me.

12 The word of the Lord also came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house. ³Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee equipments of exile, and wander away by day in their sight; and thou shalt wander away from thy place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider, though they be a rebellious house. ⁴Then shalt thou bring forth thy equipments by day in their sight, as equipments of exile: and thou shalt go forth at even in their sight, as they that go forth into

captivity. ⁵Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby. ⁶In their sight shalt thou bear it upon thy shoulder and carry it forth in the twilight: thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground: for I have set thee for a sign unto the house of Israel.

⁷And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as equipments of exile, and in the even I digged through the wall with mine hand; I brought it forth in the twilight, and I bore it upon my shoulder in their sight.

⁸And in the morning came the word of the Lord unto me, saying, ⁹Son of man, hath not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said unto thee, What doest thou? ¹⁰Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; This prophecy concerneth the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel that are among them. ¹¹Say, I am your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them: into exile, into captivity they shall go. ¹²And the prince that is among them shall bear upon his shoulder in the twilight, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, that he see not the ground with his eyes. ¹³My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die

there. ¹⁴And I will scatter toward every wind all that *are* about him to help him, and all his bands, and I will draw out the sword after them. ¹⁵And they shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries. ¹⁶But I will leave a few men of them from the sword from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the nations whither they come; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord.

¹⁷Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ¹⁸Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with anxiety. ¹⁹And say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord God of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and of the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with anxiety, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from all that is therein, because of the violence of all them that dwell therein. ²⁰And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord.

²¹And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²²Son of man, what is that proverb *that* ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? ²³Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord God; I will make this prov-

erb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision. ²⁴For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel. ²⁵For I *am* the Lord: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord God.

²⁶Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ²⁷Son of man, behold, *they* of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times *that are* far off. ²⁸Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord God.

13 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the Lord; ³Thus saith the Lord God; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! ⁴O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. ⁵Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the

day of the Lord. ⁶They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The Lord saith: and the Lord hath not sent them: and they have made *others* to hope that they would confirm the word. ⁷Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The Lord saith *it*; albeit I have not spoken?

⁸Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I *am* against you, saith the Lord God. ⁹And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord God. ¹⁰Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and *there was* no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered *mortar*: ¹¹Say unto them that daub *it* with untempered *mortar*, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend *it*. ¹²Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where *is* the daubing wherewith ye have daubed *it*? ¹³Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will even rend *it* with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing

shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in *my* fury to consume *it*. ¹⁴So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered *mortar*, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord. ¹⁵Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered *mortar*, and will say unto you, The wall *is* no more, neither they that daubed it; ¹⁶*To wit*, the prophets of Israel that prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and that see visions of peace for her, and *there is* no peace, saith the Lord God.

¹⁷Likewise, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, who prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them, ¹⁸And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Woe to the *women* that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive *that come* unto you? ¹⁹And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear *your* lies?

²⁰Wherefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against

your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make *them* fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make *them* fly. ²¹Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord. ²²Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life: ²³Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord.

14 Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me. ²And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ³Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumbling-block of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them? ⁴Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the Lord will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols; ⁵That I may take the house of Israel in

their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

⁶Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; Repent, and turn *yourselves* from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. ⁷For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, that separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to inquire of him concerning me; I the Lord will answer him by myself: ⁸And I will set my face against that man, and will make him an astonishment for a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord. ⁹And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the Lord have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel. ¹⁰And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh *unto him*; ¹¹That the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord God.

¹²The word of the Lord came

again to me, saying, ¹³Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it: ¹⁴Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver *but* their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord God.

¹⁵If I cause wild beasts to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts: ¹⁶*Though* these three men *were* in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.

¹⁷Or *if* I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it: ¹⁸Though these three men *were* in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.

¹⁹Or *if* I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast: ²⁰Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, *were* in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall *but* deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

²¹For thus saith the Lord God: How much more when I send mine four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the wild beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast? ²²Yet, behold, there shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, *both* sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings, and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, *even* concerning all that I have brought upon it. ²³And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord God.

15 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, What is the vine-tree more than any tree, or *than* a branch which is among the trees of the forest? ³Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will *men* take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon? ⁴Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. Is it meet for *any* work? ⁵Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less shall it be meet yet for *any* work, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned? ⁶Therefore thus saith the Lord God; As the vine-tree among the trees of the forest, which I have

given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ⁷And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from *one* fire, and *another* fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I *set* my face against them. ⁸And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord God.

16 Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations, ³And say, Thus saith the Lord God unto Jerusalem; Thy birth and thy nativity *is* of the land of Canaan; thy father *was* an Amorite, and thy mother a Hittite. ⁴And *as for* thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to cleanse *thee*; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. ⁵No eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the loathing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born. ⁶And when I passed by thee, and saw thee rolling in thine own blood, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live. ⁷I have caused thee to multiply as the plants of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: *thy* breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, *whereas thou wast*

naked and bare. ⁸Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time *was* the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord God, and thou becamest mine. ⁹Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil. ¹⁰I clothed thee also with brodered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk. ¹¹I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck. ¹²And I put a ring on thy nose, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head. ¹³Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment *was* of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom. ¹⁴And thy renown went forth among the nations for thy beauty: for it *was* perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God.

¹⁵But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was. ¹⁶And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high

places with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon: *the like things* shall not come, neither shall it be so. ¹⁷Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit harlotry with them, ¹⁸And tookest thy broidered garments, and coveredst them: and thou hast set mine oil and mine incense before them. ¹⁹My meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, *wherewith* I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for a sweet savour: and *thus* it was, saith the Lord God. ²⁰Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. *Is this* of thy harlotries a small matter, ²¹That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through *the fire* for them? ²²And in all thine abominations and thy harlotries thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast rolling in thy blood.

²³And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord God;) ²⁴That thou hast also built unto thee an eminent place, and hast made thee a high place in every street. ²⁵Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened

thy feet to every one that passeth by, and multiplied thy harlotries. ²⁶Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy harlotries, to provoke me to anger. ²⁷Behold therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine allowance, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of thy lewd way. ²⁸Thou hast played the harlot also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied. ²⁹Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith. ³⁰How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord God, seeing thou doest all these *things*, the work of an abandoned harlot; ³¹In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as a harlot, in that thou scornest hire; ³²But as a wife that committeth adultery, that taketh strangers instead of her husband! ³³They give gifts to all harlots: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy harlotry. ³⁴And the contrary is in thee from *other* women in thy harlotries, whereas none followeth thee to commit harlotries:

and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

³⁶Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the Lord: ³⁷Thus saith the Lord God; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy harlotries with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, whom thou didst give unto them; ³⁸Behold, therefore I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all *them* that thou hast loved, with all *them* that thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness. ³⁹And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy. ⁴⁰And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare. ⁴¹They shall also bring up an assembly against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords. ⁴²And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women: and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more.

⁴³So will I make my fury toward thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry. ⁴⁴Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast fretted me in all these *things*; behold, therefore I also will recompense thy way upon *thine* head, saith the Lord God: and thou shalt not commit this lewdness above all thine abominations.

⁴⁵Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use *this* proverb against thee, saying, As *is* the mother, so *is* her daughter. ⁴⁶Thou art thy mother's daughter, that loatheth her husband and her children; and thou art the sister of thy sisters, who loathed their husbands and their children: your mother was a Hittite, and your father an Amorite. ⁴⁷And thine elder sister is Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sodom and her daughters. ⁴⁸Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations: but, as if *that were* a very little *thing*, thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways. ⁴⁹As I live, saith the Lord God, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters. ⁵⁰Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and undisturbed ease was in her and in her daughters, neither did she

strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. ⁶⁰And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good. ⁶¹Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done. ⁶²Thou also, who hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they: they are more righteous than thou: yea, be thou confounded also, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.

⁶³When I shall bring again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then *will I bring again* the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them: ⁶⁴That thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them. ⁶⁵When thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate. ⁶⁶For thy sister Sodom was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy pride, ⁶⁷Before thy wickedness was discovered, as at the time of *thy* reproach of the daughters of Syria, and all *that*

are round about her, the daughters of the Philistines, who despise thee round about. ⁶⁸Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith the Lord.

⁶⁹For thus saith the Lord God; I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, who hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant. ⁷⁰Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant. ⁷¹Then thou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger: and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant. ⁷²And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the Lord: ⁷³That thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I have pardoned thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord God.

17 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel; ³And say, Thus saith the Lord God; A great eagle with great wings, long-winged, full of feathers, which had divers colours, came unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar: ⁴He cropped off the top of its young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffic; he set it in a city of merchants.

⁶He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed it by great waters, and set it as a willow-tree. ⁷And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose hranches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

⁸There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine did bend its roots toward him, and shot forth its hranches toward him, that he might water it, from the beds of its plantation. ⁹It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine. ¹⁰Say thou, Thus saith the Lord God; Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it wither? it shall wither in all the leaves of its spring, even without great power or many people to pluck it up by the roots thereof. ¹¹Yea, behold, *being* planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the beds where it grew.

¹²Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ¹³Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these *things* mean? tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem, and hath taken the king thereof, and

the princes thereof, and brought them with him to Babylon; ¹⁴And hath taken of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him, and hath taken an oath of him: he hath also taken the mighty of the land: ¹⁵That the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, *but* that by keeping of his covenant it might stand.

¹⁶But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such *things*? or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered? ¹⁷As I live, saith the Lord God, surely in the place *where* the king dwelleth that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke, *even* with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die. ¹⁸Neither shall Pharaoh with *his* mighty army and great company do *anything* for him in the war, by casting up mounds, and building forts, to cut off many persons: ¹⁹Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all these *things*, he shall not escape. ²⁰Therefore thus saith the Lord God; As I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head. ²¹And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his

trespass that he hath trespassed against me. ²¹And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds: and ye shall know that I the Lord have spoken *it*.

²²Thus saith the Lord God; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set *it*; I will crop off from the top of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant *it* upon a high mountain and eminent: ²³In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant *it*: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl, every winged creature; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the Lord have spoken and have done *it*.

18 The word of the Lord came unto me again, saying, ²What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? ³As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have *occasion* any more to use this proverb in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, *it* shall die.

⁵But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, ⁶And hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a woman in her uncleanness, ⁷And hath not oppressed any, *but* hath restored his pledge for a debt, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; ⁸He *that* hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, *that* hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man. ⁹Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he *is* just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God.

¹⁰If he beget a son *that is* a robber, a shedder of blood, and *that* doeth the like to *any* one of these *things*, ¹¹And that doeth not any of those *duties*, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife, ¹²Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination, ¹³Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.

¹⁴Now, lo, if he beget a son,

that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like, ¹⁰*That* hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbour's wife, ¹⁴*Neither* hath oppressed any, hath not withheld the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, *but* hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment, ¹⁷*That* hath taken off his hand from the poor, *that* hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live. ¹⁸*As for* his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did *that* which is not good among his people, lo, even he shall die in his iniquity. ¹⁹*Yet* say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, *and* hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. ²⁰The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

²¹But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful

and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. ²²All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. ²³Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: *and* not that he should return from his ways, and live?

²⁴But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, *and* doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked *man* doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die. ²⁵Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal? ²⁶When a righteous *man* turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked *man* turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. ²⁸Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. ²⁹Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?

¹⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn *yourselves* from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. ¹¹Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? ¹²For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn *yourselves*, and live ye.

19 Moreover take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel, ²And say, What *is* thy mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, she nourished her whelps among young lions. ³And she brought up one of her whelps: he became a young lion, and he learned to catch the prey; he devoured men. ⁴The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains unto the land of Egypt.

⁵Now when she saw that she had waited, *and* her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, *and* made him a young lion. ⁶And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, *and* devoured men. ⁷And he destroyed their palaces, and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, by the noise of his roaring.

⁸Then the nations set against

him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him: he was taken in their pit. ⁹And they put him in a cage with chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into strongholds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.

¹⁰Thy mother, like thee, was like a vine planted by the waters: she was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters. ¹¹And she had strong rods for the sceptres of them that bore rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches,

¹²But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them. ¹³And now she *is* planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground. ¹⁴And fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, *which* hath devoured her fruit, so that she hath no strong rod *to be* a sceptre to rule.

This *is* a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

20 And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, *that* certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the Lord, and sat before me. ²Then

came the word of the Lord unto me, saying, ³Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Are ye come to inquire of me? ⁴As I live, saith the Lord God, I will not be inquired of by you. ⁵Wilt thou judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge *them*? cause them to know the abominations of their fathers: ⁶And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, I am the Lord your God; ⁷In the day *that* I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had spied out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which *is* the glory of all lands: ⁸Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I *am* the Lord your God. ⁹But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the nations, among whom they *were*, in whose

sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt. ¹¹Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. ¹²And I gave them my statutes, and taught them my judgments, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them. ¹³Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the Lord that sanctify them. ¹⁴But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly violated; then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. ¹⁵But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the nations, in whose sight I brought them out. ¹⁶Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them*, flowing with milk and honey, which *is* the glory of all lands; ¹⁷Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but violated my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols. ¹⁸Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness. ¹⁹But I said unto their children in the wilder-

ness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols: ¹⁹*I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;* ²⁰*And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.* ²¹*Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; they violated my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.* ²²*Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them forth.* ²³*I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries;* ²⁴*Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had violated my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.* ²⁵*Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;* ²⁶*And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate,*

to the end that they might know that I *am* the Lord.

²⁷*Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me.* ²⁸*For when I had brought them into the land, for which I lifted up mine hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering: there also they made their sweet savour, and poured out there their drink-offerings.* ²⁹*Then I said unto them, What is the high place whereunto ye go? And the name thereof is called Bamah unto this day.*

³⁰*Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye harlotry after their abominations?* ³¹*For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day: and shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord God, I will not be inquired of by you.* ³²*And that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.* ³³*As I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a*

mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: ³⁴And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. ³⁵And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there will I plead with you face to face. ³⁶Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord God. ³⁷And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: ³⁸And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord. ³⁹As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord God; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter *also*, if ye will not hearken unto me: but profane ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols. ⁴⁰For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord God, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the first-fruits of your oblations, with all your holy things. ⁴¹I will accept you

with your sweet savour, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the nations. ⁴²And ye shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers. ⁴³And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed. ⁴⁴And ye shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord God.

21 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop *thy word* toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field; ³And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein. ⁴And all flesh shall see that I the Lord have kindled it: it shall not be quenched. ⁵Then said I, Ah Lord God! they

say of me, Doth he not speak parables?

⁶And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ⁷Son of man, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and drop *thy word* toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel, ⁸And say to the land of Israel, Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I *am* against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked. ⁹Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north: ¹⁰That all flesh may know that I the Lord have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath: it shall not return any more. ¹¹Sigh therefore, thou son of man, with the breaking of *thy* loins; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes. ¹²And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt answer, For the tidings, because it cometh: and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water: behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord God.

¹³Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ¹⁴Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished: ¹⁵It is sharpened to

make a sore slaughter; it is furbished that it may glitter: shoud we then make mirth? it contemneth the rod of my son, as every tree. ¹⁶And he hath given it to be furbished, that it may be handled: this sword is sharpened and it is furbished, to give into the hand of the slayer. ¹⁷Cry and howl, son of man: for shall be upon my people, it *shall* be upon all the princes of Israel: they are abandoned to the sword with my people: smite therefore upon *thy* thigh. ¹⁸For it is trial; and what if *the sword* contemn even the rod? it shall be no more, saith the Lord God. ¹⁹Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite *thine* hand together, and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain: it *is* the sword of the great *men that are* slain which compasseth them about. ²⁰I have set the point of the sword against all their gates, that *their* heart may faint, and *their* ruins be multiplied: ah! *it is* made bright, *it is* sharpened for the slaughter. ²¹Gather thee together go to the right, direct thyself go to the left, whithersoever thy face *is* set. ²²I will also smite mine hands together, and I will appease my fury; I the Lord have said it.

²³The word of the Lord came unto me again, saying, ²⁴Also thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come: the twain shall come forth out of one

land: and choose thou a place, choose *it* at the head of the way to the city. ²⁵Appoint a way, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in Jerusalem the fortified. ²⁶For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he shook his arrows, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver. ²⁷At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to set *battering* rams, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to set *battering* rams against the gates, to cast a mound, *and* to build a fort. ²⁸And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight, to them that have sworn oaths: but he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken.

²⁹Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because, *I say*, that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand. ³⁰And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity *shall have* an end. ³¹Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the mitre, and take off the crown: this *shall* not be the same: exalt *him that* is low, and abase *him that* is high. ³²I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no *more*, until he come whose right

it is; and I will give it *him*. ³³And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even say thou, The sword, the sword is drawn: for the slaughter *it is* furnished, to consume because of the glittering: ³⁴While they see vanity unto thee, while they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of *them that* are slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity *shall have* an end. ³⁵Shall I cause it to return into its sheath? I will judge thee in the place where thou wast created, in the land of thy nativity. ³⁶And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee, I will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, *and* skilful to destroy. ³⁷Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt be no *more* remembered: for I the Lord have spoken it.

22 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? yea, thou shalt shew her all her abominations. ³Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord God, The city sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come, and maketh idols against herself to defile herself. ⁴Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed; and hast defiled thyself in thine idols

which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come *even* unto thy years: therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the nations, and a mocking to all the countries. ⁵*Those that are near, and those that are far from thee, shall mock thee, O thou impure of name, and full of confusion.* ⁶Behold, the princes of Israel, every one were in thee to their power to shed blood. ⁷In thee have they esteemed light father and mother; in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow. ⁸Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast violated my sabbaths. ⁹In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood: and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit lewdness. ¹⁰In thee have they discovered their fathers' nakedness: in thee have they humbled her that was set apart for pollution. ¹¹And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter. ¹²In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord God.

¹³Behold, therefore I have smitten mine hand at thy dishonest

gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee. ¹⁴Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the Lord have spoken it, and will do it. ¹⁵And I will scatter thee among the nations, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee. ¹⁶And thou shalt be profaned in thyself in the sight of the nations, and thou shalt know that I *am* the Lord.

¹⁷And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ¹⁸Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they *are* brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they *are even* the dross of silver. ¹⁹Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye *are* all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. ²⁰As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather *you* in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave *you there*, and melt you. ²¹Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof. ²²As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the Lord have poured out my fury upon you.

²³And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²⁴Son of

man, say unto her, *Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.* ²⁵*There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.* ²⁶*Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and the profane, neither have they taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.* ²⁷*Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.* ²⁸*And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord God, when the Lord hath not spoken.* ²⁹*The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.* ³⁰*And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.* ³¹*Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way*

have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord God.

23 The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, ²Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother: ³And they committed harlotries in Egypt; they committed harlotries in their youth: there were their bosoms pressed, and there they bruised their virgin breasts. ⁴And the names of them were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister: and they were mine, and they bore sons and daughters. Thus were their names; Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah.

⁵And Aholah played the harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians her neighbours. ⁶Who were clothed in blue, governors and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses. ⁷Thus she committed her harlotries with them, with all of them that were the chosen men of Assyria, and with all on whom she doted: with all their idols she defiled herself. ⁸Neither left she her harlotries brought from Egypt: for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity, and poured their harlotry upon her. ⁹Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted. ¹⁰These discovered her nakedness: they took her sons and her daughters, and slew her with the sword: and

she became infamous among women; for they had executed judgment upon her.

¹¹And when her sister Aholibah saw *this*, she was more corrupt in her excessive love than she, and in her harlotries more than her sister in *her* harlotries. ¹²She doted upon the Assyrians, governors and rulers, *her* neighbours clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men. ¹³Then I saw that she was defiled, *that* they took both one way. ¹⁴And *that* she increased her harlotries: for when she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermillion, ¹⁵Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look upon, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity: ¹⁶And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea. ¹⁷And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their harlotry, and she was polluted with them, and her mind was alienated from them. ¹⁸So she discovered her harlotries, and discovered her nakedness: then my mind was alienated from her, like as my mind was alienated from her sister. ¹⁹Yet she multiplied her harlotries, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the

land of Egypt. ²⁰For she doted upon their paramours, whose *flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horse*. ²¹Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth in bruising thy breasts by the Egyptians for the bosom of thy youth.

²²Therefore, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy mind is alienated, and I will bring the same against thee on every side; ²³The Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koz, and all the Assyrians with them: all of them desirable young men, governors and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horses. ²⁴And they shall come against thee with weapons, chariots, and wheels, and with an assembly of peoples, *who* shall set against thee buckler and shield and helmet round about, and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments. ²⁵And I will set my jealousy against thee, and they shall deal furiously with thee: they shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and thy remnant shall fall by the sword: they shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy residue shall be devoured by the fire. ²⁶They shall also strip thee of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels. ²⁷Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy harlotry *brought*

from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more.

²⁸For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of *them* whom thou hatest, into the hand of *them* from whom thy mind is alienated: ²⁹And they shall deal with thee hatefully, and shall take away all thy labour, and shall leave thee naked and bare: and the nakedness of thy harlotries shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy harlotries. ³⁰I will do these *things* unto thee, because thou hast gone astray after the nations, *and* because thou art polluted with their idols. ³¹Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thine hand. ³²Thus saith the Lord God; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and held in derision, more than one can endure. ³³Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria. ³⁴Thou shalt even drink it and suck it out, and thou shalt break the sherds thereof, and pluck off thine own breasts: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God. ³⁵Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy harlotries.

³⁶The Lord said moreover unto

me; Son of man, wilt thou judge Aholah and Aholibah? yea, declare unto them their abominations; ³⁷That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bore unto me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour *them*. ³⁸Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have violated my sabbaths. ³⁹For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house. ⁴⁰And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger *was* sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thine eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments, ⁴¹And satest upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon thou hast set mine incense and mine oil. ⁴²And a voice of a multitude being at ease *was* with her: and with the men of the common sort *were* brought Sabeans from the wilderness, who put hracelets upon their hands, and beautiful crowns upon their heads. ⁴³Then said I unto *her* that *was* old in adulteries, Will they now commit harlotries with her, and she *with them*? ⁴⁴Yet they went in unto her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot: so went they in unto

Aholah and unto Aholibah, the lewd women. ⁴⁵And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they *are* adulteresses, and blood *is* in their hands.

⁴⁶For thus saith the Lord God; I will bring up a company upon them, and will give them to be a terror and spoil. ⁴⁷And the company shall stone them with stones, and dispatch them with their swords: they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire. ⁴⁸Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness. ⁴⁹And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols: and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord God.

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Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, write thee the name of the day, *even* of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day. ³And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Set on a pot, set *it* on, and also pour water into it: ⁴Gather the pieces thereof into it, *even* every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill *it* with the choice bones. ⁵Take the choice of the flock, and burn also the bones

under it, *and* make it boil well and let them seethe the bones *in* it therein.

⁶Wherefore thus saith the Lord God; Woe to the bloody city, *to* the pot whose scum *is* therein and whose scum *is* not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece no lot fall upon it. ⁷For her blood *is* in the midst of her; she set it upon a dry rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust; ⁸That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; I have set her blood upon a dry rock, that it should not be covered.

⁹Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Woe to the bloody city! I will even make the pile for fire great. ¹⁰Heap on wood, kindle the fire, boil well the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned. ¹¹Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and *that* the filthiness of it may be molten in it, *that* the scum of it may be consumed. ¹²She hath wearied *herself* with lies, and her great scum went not forth out of her: her scum *shall be* in the fire. ¹³In thy filthiness *is* lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have appeased my fury upon thee. ¹⁴I the Lord have spoken *it*: it shall come to pass, and I will do *it*; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways,

and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord God.

¹⁵Also the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ¹⁶Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down. ¹⁷Sigh in silence, make no mourning for the dead, bind thy headtire upon thee, and put on thy sandals upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and eat not the bread of men.

¹⁸So I spoke unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded. ¹⁹And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so? ²⁰Then I answered them, The word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²¹Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword. ²²And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men. ²³And your tires shall be upon your heads, and your sandals upon your feet: ye shall not mourn nor weep; but ye shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourn one toward another. ²⁴Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign,

according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

²⁵Also, thou son of man, behold, on the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters, ²⁶On that day he that escapeth shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears. ²⁷In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him that is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

25 The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, ²Son of man, set thy face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them; ³And say unto the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God; Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity; ⁴Behold, therefore I will deliver thee to the men of the east for a possession, and they shall set their palaces in thee, and make their dwellings in thee: they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk. ⁵And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couching-place for flocks: and ye

shall know that I *am* the Lord. ⁶For thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast clapped *thine* hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all the contempt of thy soul against the land of Israel: ⁷Behold, therefore I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the nations; and I will cut thee off from the peoples, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the Lord.

⁸Thus saith the Lord God; Because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah *is* like unto all the nations; ⁹Therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities *which are* on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim, ¹⁰Unto the men of the east with the Ammonites, and will give them in possession, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations. ¹¹And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord.

¹²Thus saith the Lord God; Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them; ¹³Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and they of De-

dan shall fall by the sword. ¹⁴And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel: and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord God.

¹⁵Thus saith the Lord God; Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with contempt of soul, to destroy *it* for the old hatred; ¹⁶Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites, and destroy the remnant of the sea-coast. ¹⁷And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

26 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month, *that* the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, because that Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken *that was* the gates of the people: she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished, *now* she is laid waste: ³Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth its waves to come up. ⁴And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers; I will also sweep off her dust from her, and

make her a dry rock. ⁹It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God: and it shall become a spoil to the nations. ¹⁰And her daughters that are in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

⁷For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people. ⁸He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field: and he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a mound against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee. ⁹And he shall set his battering rams against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers. ¹⁰By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach. ¹¹With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people by the sword, and the monuments of thy strength shall go down to the ground. ¹²And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasure-houses: and they shall lay thy

stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water. ¹³And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard. ¹⁴And I will make thee a dry rock: thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more: for I the Lord have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

¹⁵Thus saith the Lord God to Tyrus; Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee? ¹⁶Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their brodered garments: they shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble at every moment, and be astonished at thee. ¹⁷And they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, that wast inhabited of seafaring men, the renowned city, that wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, that caused their terror to be on all that dwelt around her. ¹⁸Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall: yea, the isles that are in the sea shall be troubled at thy departure. ¹⁹For thus saith the Lord God; When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee; ²⁰When I shall bring thee

down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living; ²¹I will make thee a terror, and thou *shalt be no more*: though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord God.

27 The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, ²Now, thou son of man, take up a lamentation for Tyrus; ³And say unto Tyrus, O thou that sittest at the entry of the sea, *that art* a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord God; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I *am* of perfect beauty. ⁴Thy borders *are* in the midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty. ⁵They have made all thy *ship* boards of fir-trees of Senir: they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee. ⁶*Of* the oaks of Bashan have they made thine oars; they have made thy benches of ivory inlaid in cedar from the isles of Chittim. ⁷Fine linen with brodered work from Egypt was that which thou spreadest forth to be thy sail; blue and purple from the isles of Elishah was that which covered thee. ⁸The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were thy mariners: thy wise *men*, O Tyrus, *that were* in thee, were thy pilots. ⁹The ancients of Gebal and the wise

men thereof were in thee thy calkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to carry on thy trade. ¹⁰They of Persia and of Lud and of Phu were in thine army, thy men of war: they hung the shield and helmet in thee; they set forth thy comeliness. ¹¹The men of Arvad with thine army *were* upon thy walls round about, and the Gammadim were in thy towers; they hung their shields upon thy walls round about; they have made thy beauty perfect.

¹²Tarshish *was* thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all *kind* of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded for thy wares. ¹³Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they *were* thy merchants: they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass for thy merchandise. ¹⁴They of the house of Togarmah traded for thy wares with horses and horsemen and mules. ¹⁵The men of Dedan *were* thy merchants; many isles *were* the merchandise of thine hand: they brought thee for a present horns of ivory and ebony. ¹⁶Syria *was* thy merchant by reason of the multitude of the wares of thy making: they traded for thy wares with emeralds, purple and brodered work, and fine linen, and coral, and agate. ¹⁷Judah, and the land of Israel, they *were* thy merchants: they traded for thy merchandise wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm. ¹⁸Damascus *was* thy merchant in the

multitude of the wares of thy making, for the multitude of all riches; in the wine of Helbon, and white wool. ¹⁹Dan also and Javan traded with yarn for thy wares: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were among thy merchandise. ²⁰Dedan *was* thy merchant in precious clothes for chariots. ²¹Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they were the traders of thine hand; in lambs, and rams, and goats, in these *were* they thy merchants. ²²The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, they *were* thy merchants: they traded for thy wares with chief of all spices, and with precious stones, and gold. ²³Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, and Chilmad, *were* thy merchants. ²⁴These *were* thy merchants in costly wares, in blue clothes and brodered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among thy merchandise. ²⁵The ships of Tarshish were thy caravans for thy trade.

And thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in the midst of the seas. ²⁶Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas. ²⁷Thy riches, and thy wares, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and they who carry on thy trade, and all thy men of war, that *are* in thee, and in all thy company which *is* in the midst of thee, shall fall into the midst of the seas in the day

of thy ruin. ²⁸The suburbs shall shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots. ²⁹And all that handle the oar, the mariners, *and* all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land; ³⁰And shall cause their voice to be heard over thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes. ³¹And they shall make themselves utterly bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee with bitterness of heart *and* bitter wailing. ³²And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, *saying*, What city is like Tyrus, a place of stillness in the midst of the sea? ³³When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou fillest many people; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise. ³⁴In the time *when* thou shalt be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters thy merchandise and all thy company in the midst of thee shall fall. ³⁵All the inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at thee, and their kings shall be sore afraid, they shall be troubled in their countenance. ³⁶The merchants among the peoples shall hiss at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never *shalt be* any more.

28 The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, ²Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord God;

Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I *am* a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou *art* a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart, as the heart of God: ³Behold, thou *art* wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee: ⁴With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures: ⁵By thy great wisdom *and* by thy traffic hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches: ⁶Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; ⁷Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness. ⁸They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of *them that are* slain in the midst of the seas. ⁹Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I *am* God? but thou *shalt be* a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee. ¹⁰Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

¹¹Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ¹²Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him. Thus saith the Lord God; Thou art the seal of per-

fection, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. ¹³Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; ever precious stone *was* thy covering the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold the workmanship of thy tabret and of thy pipes was in thee; in the day that thou wast created they were prepared. ¹⁴Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. ¹⁶By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God, and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: therefore will I cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. ¹⁸Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore have I brought forth a fire from the midst of thee, it hath devoured thee, and I have turned thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold

thee. ¹⁹All they that know thee among the peoples shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

²⁰Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²¹Son of man, set thy face against Sidon, and prophesy against it, ²²And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Sidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her. ²³For I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall be judged in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord. ²⁴And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor any grieving thorn of all *that are* round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord God.

²⁵Thus saith the Lord God; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob. ²⁶And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round

about them; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord their God.

29 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt: ³Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, that hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself. ⁴But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales. ⁵And I will leave thee *thrown* into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the open fields; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered: I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven. ⁶And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I *am* the Lord, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel. ⁷When they took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didst break, and rend all their shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee, thou brokest, and madest all their loins to be at a stand.

⁸Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will bring a sword

upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee. ⁹And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord: because he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made it. ¹⁰Behold, therefore I *am* against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tower of Seveneh even unto the border of Ethiopia. ¹¹No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years. ¹²And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries *that are* desolate, and her cities among the cities *that are* laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

¹³Yet thus saith the Lord God; At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the peoples whither they were scattered: ¹⁴And I will bring back the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return *into* the land of Pathros, into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom. ¹⁵It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations. ¹⁶And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, which bringeth *their* iniquity to

remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they shall know that I *am* the Lord God.

¹⁷And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, in the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ¹⁸Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head *was* made bald, and every shoulder *was* peeled: ye had he no wages, nor his army for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it: ¹⁹Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army. ²⁰I have given him the land of Egypt as his reward for which he served, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord God.

²¹In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them: and they shall know that I *am* the Lord.

30 The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, ²Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God; How! ye, Woe unto the day! ³For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the nations. ⁴And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great pain shall be in Ethiopia,

when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down. ⁹Ethiopia, and Phut, and Lydia, and all the mingled people, and Chub, and the men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

¹⁰Thus saith the Lord; They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: from the tower of Sevench shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord God. ¹¹And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries *that are* desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities *that are* wasted. ¹²And they shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and *when* all her helpers shall be destroyed. ¹³In that day shall messengers go forth from me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and great pain shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt: for, lo, it cometh.

¹⁴Thus saith the Lord God; I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon. ¹⁵He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land: and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain. ¹⁶And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and all that is therein, by the hand

of strangers: I the Lord have spoken it.

¹⁷Thus saith the Lord God; I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause *their* images to cease out of Noph; and there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt. ¹⁸And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set fire in Zoan, and will execute judgments in No. ¹⁹And I will pour my fury upon Sin, the strength of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No. ²⁰And I will set fire in Egypt; Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be rent asunder, and Noph *shall have* distresses daily. ²¹The young men of Aven and of Pi-beseth shall fall by the sword: and these *cities* shall go into captivity. ²²At Tehaphnehes also the day shall be darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt: and the pomp of her strength shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity. ²³Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt: and they shall know that I *am* the Lord.

²⁴And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, *that* the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²⁵Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.

²⁶Therefore thus saith the Lord

God: Behold, I *am* against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand. ²³And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. ²⁴And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man. ²⁵But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt. ²⁶And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord.

31 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou like in thy greatness? ³Behold, the Assyrian *was* a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing foliage, and of a high stature; and its top was among the thick boughs. ⁴The waters made it great, the deep set it up on high

with its rivers running round about its plants, and sent out its little rivers unto all the tree of the field. ⁵Therefore its height was exalted above all the tree of the field, and its boughs were multiplied, and its branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when it shot forth. ⁶All the fowls of heaven made their nests in its boughs, and under its branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under its shadow dwelt all great nations. ⁷Thus was it fair in its greatness, in the length of its branches: for its root was by great waters. ⁸The cedars in the garden of God could not hide it: the fir-trees were not like its boughs, and the chestnut-trees were not like its branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto it in its beauty. ⁹I have made it fair by the multitude of its branches: so that all the trees of Eden that *were* in the garden of God envied it.

¹⁰Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height. ¹¹I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the nations; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness. ¹²And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the val-

leys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him. ¹¹Upon his ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches: ¹²To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, nor that any of the trees that drink water stand up in their height above the others: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

¹³Thus saith the Lord God; In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him. ¹⁴I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth. ¹⁵They also went down into hell with him unto *them that are slain with the sword*; and *they that were his arm, that dwelt under his shadow* in the midst of the nations.

¹⁶To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with *them that are slain by the sword*. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord God.

32 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, *that* the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a whale in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers.

³Thus saith the Lord God; I will therefore spread out my net over thee with a company of many peoples; and they shall bring thee up in my net. ⁴Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee. ⁵And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height. ⁶I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimmest, *even to the mountains*; and the rivers shall be full of thee. ⁷And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark;

I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. ⁸All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord God. ⁹I will also vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring *the report of thy destruction* among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known. ¹⁰Yea, I will make many peoples amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at *every moment*, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall.

¹¹For thus saith the Lord God; The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee. ¹²By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall, the terrible of the nations, all of them; and they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed. ¹³I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside the great waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them. ¹⁴Then will I make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run like oil, saith the Lord God. ¹⁵When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country shall be destitute of that whereof it was full, when I shall smite all them that dwell therein, then shall they know that I *am* the Lord.

¹⁶This is the lamentation where-

with they shall lament her: *all daughters of the nations shall lament her: they shall lament for her, even for Egypt, and for all her multitude*, saith the Lord God.

¹⁷It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month, *that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying*: ¹⁸Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, *even her, and the daughters of the infamous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth with them that go down into the pit*. ¹⁹Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised. ²⁰They shall fall in the midst of them *that are slain by the sword*; she is delivered to the sword; draw her and all her multitudes. ²¹The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of the grave with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie still, *even the uncircumcised, slain by the sword*. ²²Asshur is there and all her company: her graves are about her, all of them slain, fallen by the sword: ²³Whose graves are seen in the recesses of the pit, and her company is round about her grave: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the land of the living. ²⁴There is Elam and all her multitude round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, that are gone down uncircumcised in to the nether parts of the earth

who caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit. ²⁶They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude: her graves *are* round about her: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword: though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: she is put in the midst of *them that are* slain. ²⁶There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her graves *are* round about her: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living. ²⁷And they shall not lie with the mighty *that are* fallen of the uncircumcised, that are gone down to the grave with their weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though *they were* the terror of the mighty in the land of the living. ²⁸Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with *them that are* slain with the sword. ²⁹There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes, who with their might are laid by *them that were* slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit. ³⁰There *are* the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, that are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are

ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with *them that are* slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit. ³¹Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, *even* Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, saith the Lord God. ³²For I have caused my terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with *them that are* slain with the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord God.

33 Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man from among them, and set him for their watchman: ³If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; ⁴Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning: if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. ⁵He heard the sound of the trumpet, and look not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. ⁶But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I re-

quire at the watchman's hand. ⁷So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. ⁸When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. ⁹Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

¹⁰Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? ¹¹Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

¹²Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth. ¹³When I shall say to

the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed he shall die for it. ¹⁴Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; ¹⁵If the wicked restore the pledge, give back what he has robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity he shall surely live, he shall not die. ¹⁶None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right he shall surely live. ¹⁷Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal. ¹⁸When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby. ¹⁹But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. ²⁰Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

²¹And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten. ²²Now the hand of the Lord was upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came;

and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

²³Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²⁴Son of man, they that inhabit those wastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we *are* many; the land is given us for inheritance. ²⁵Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land? ²⁶Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land? ²⁷Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; *As* I live, surely they that *are* in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and him that *is* in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that *are* in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence. ²⁸For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through. ²⁹Then shall they know that I *am* the Lord, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.

³⁰Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking of thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and

speaking one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord. ³¹And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee *as* my people, and they hear thy words, but will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, *but* their heart goeth after their covetousness. ³²And, lo, thou *art* unto them as a love song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not. ³³And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

34 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; Woe to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? ³Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: *but* ye feed not the flock. ⁴The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up *that which was* broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. ⁵And they were scattered, because *there is* no

shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, and they were scattered. ⁸My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek *after them*.

⁷Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord; ⁸As I live, saith the Lord God, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because *there was* no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock; ⁹Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord; ¹⁰Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more: for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

¹¹For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, *even* I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep *that are* scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them

upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and *in* a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek that which was lost, and bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up *that which was* broken and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment. ¹⁷And *as for* you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I judge between lamb and lamb, between the rams and the he-goats. ¹⁸*Seemeth it* a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet? ¹⁹And *as for* my flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

²⁰Therefore thus saith the Lord God unto them; Behold, I, *even* I, will judge between the fat lamb and between the lean lamb. ²¹Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad; ²²Therefore will I save

my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between lamb and lamb. ²³And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, *even* my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. ²⁴And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the Lord have spoken it. ²⁵And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. ²⁶And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them. ²⁸And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make *them* afraid. ²⁹And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the nations any more. ³⁰Thus shall they know that I the Lord their God *am* with them, and *that* they, *even* the house of

Israel, *are* my people, saith the Lord God. ³¹And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, *are* men, and I *am* your God, saith the Lord God.

35 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and prophesy against it, ³And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O mount Seir, I *am* against thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate. ⁴I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I *am* the Lord. ⁵Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast delivered up the children of Israel to the power of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time *that their iniquity had* an end: ⁶Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: since thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee. ⁷Thus will I make mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth out and him that returneth. ⁸And I will fill his mountains with his slain *men*: in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword. ⁹I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return: and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord. ¹⁰Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess

it; whereas the Lord was there: ¹¹Therefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord God, I will even do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I have judged thee. ¹²And thou shalt know that *I am* the Lord, *and that* I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to consume. ¹³Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard *them*. ¹⁴Thus saith the Lord God; When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate. ¹⁵As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Idumea, *even* all of it: and they shall know that *I am* the Lord.

36 Also, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord: ¹Thus saith the Lord God; Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are ours in possession: ²Therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Because they have made *you* desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the nations, and ye are taken up in the lips of the

slanderer's tongue, and are the talk of the people. ³Therefore ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the residue of the nations that are round about. ⁴Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the nations, and against all Idumea, which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all *their* heart, with derision in their soul, to cast it out for a prey. ⁵Prophecy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have borne the shame of the nations: ⁶Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I have lifted up mine hand. Surely the nations that *are* about you, they shall hear their shame. ⁷But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. ⁸For, behold, *I am* for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown: ⁹And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, *even* all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes

shall be builded: ¹¹And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord. ¹²Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of men.

¹³Thus saith the Lord God; Because they say unto you, Thou land devourest up men, and hast bereaved thy nations; ¹⁴Therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither bereave thy nations any more, saith the Lord God. ¹⁵Neither will I cause men to hear in thee the shame of the nations any more, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the peoples any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more, saith the Lord God.

¹⁶Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ¹⁷Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a woman in her separation. ¹⁸Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it: ¹⁹And I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the coun-

tries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. ²⁰And when they entered unto the nations, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These *are* the people of the Lord, and are gone forth out of his land. ²¹But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, whither they went.

²²Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; I do not *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the nations, whither ye went. ²³And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I *am* the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. ²⁴For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land. ²⁵Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. ²⁶A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments,

and do *them*. ²⁸And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹I will also save you from all your uncleanness: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. ³⁰And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the nations. ³¹Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. ³²Not for your sake do I *this*, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

³³Thus saith the Lord God; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded. ³⁴And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. ³⁵And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *are become* fortified, *and* are inhabited. ³⁶Then the nations that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord build the ruined *places*, and plant that which was desolate: I the Lord have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*.

³⁷Thus saith the Lord God; I will yet *for* this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. ³⁸As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I *am* the Lord.

37 The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which *was* full of bones. ²And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and, lo, *they were* very dry. ³And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. ⁴Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord.

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but

there was no breath in them. ⁹Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. ¹¹Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off. ¹²Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves. ¹⁴And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord.

¹⁵The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, ¹⁶Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions: ¹⁷And join

them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. ¹⁸And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not tell us what thou *meanest* by these? ¹⁹Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. ²⁰And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. ²¹And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, whither they are gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: ²²And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: ²³Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. ²⁴And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have

one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. ²³And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David *shall be* their prince for ever. ²⁶Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. ²⁷My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ²⁸And the nations shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

38 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him. ³And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal: ⁴And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in splendid attire, *even* a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: ⁵Persia, Ethiopia, and Phut with them;

all of them with shield and helmet: ⁶Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the farthest north, and all his bands: *and* many peoples with thee. ⁷Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. ⁸After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land *that is* brought back from the sword, *and is* gathered out of many peoples, upon the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. ⁹Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many peoples with thee.

¹⁰Thus saith the Lord God; It shall also come to pass, *that* at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: ¹¹And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, ¹²To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places *that are now* inhabited, and upon the people *that are* gathered out of the nations, that have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land. ¹³Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of

Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

¹⁴Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord God; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it? ¹⁵And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many peoples with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: ¹⁶And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the nations may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

¹⁷Thus saith the Lord God; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them? ¹⁸And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face. ¹⁹For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; ²⁰So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all

creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. ²¹And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: every man's sword shall be against his brother. ²²And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many peoples that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. ²³Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

39 Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal: ²And I will turn thee back, and lead thee astray, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: ³And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. ⁴Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the peoples that are with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. ⁵Thou

shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord God. ⁶And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I *am* the Lord. ⁷So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not *let them* profane my holy name any more: and the nations shall know that I *am* the Lord, the Holy One in Israel. ⁸Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God; this *is* the day whereof I have spoken. ⁹And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years: ¹⁰So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord God.

¹¹And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will give unto Gog a burial-place in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call *it* The valley of Hamon-gog. ¹²And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying them, that they may cleanse the land. ¹³Yea, all the people of the land shall bury

them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord God. ¹⁴And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury the passengers that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search. ¹⁵And the passengers *that* pass through the land, when *any* seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog. ¹⁶And also the name of the city *shall be* Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

¹⁷And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, *even* a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood. ¹⁸Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. ¹⁹And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. ²⁰Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord God. ²¹And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see my judg-

ment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. ²²So the house of Israel shall know that I *am* the Lord their God from that day and forward. ²³And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed *against* me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword. ²⁴According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.

²⁵Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Now will I bring back the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name; ²⁶After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made *them* afraid. ²⁷When I have brought them back from the peoples, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; ²⁸Then shall they know that I *am* the Lord their God, who caused them to be led into captivity among the nations: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there. ²⁹Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the

house of Israel, saith the Lord God.

40 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth *day* of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of the Lord was upon me, and brought me thither. ²In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, on which *was* as it were the frame of a city on the south. ³And he brought me thither, and, behold, *there was* a man, whose appearance *was* like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate. ⁴And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew *them* unto thee *art* thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.

⁵And behold a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits *long* by the cubit and a handbreadth: so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

⁶Then came he unto the gate which looketh toward the east, and went up the stairs thereof, and measured the threshold of

the gate, *which was one reed broad*; and the other threshold of the gate, *which was one reed broad*. ⁷And every little chamber was one reed long, and one reed broad; and between the little chambers *were five cubits*; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate *within was one reed*. ⁸He measured also the porch of the gate *within, one reed*. ⁹Then measured he the porch of the gate, *eight cubits*; and the posts thereof, *two cubits*; and the porch of the gate *was inward*. ¹⁰And the little chambers of the gate eastward *were three on this side, and three on that side*; they three *were of one measure*: and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side. ¹¹And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, *ten cubits*; and the length of the gate, *thirteen cubits*. ¹²The space also before the little chambers *was one cubit on this side, and the space was one cubit on that side*; and the little chambers *were six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side*. ¹³He measured then the gate from the roof of one little chamber to the roof of another: the breadth *was five and twenty cubits, door against door*. ¹⁴He made also posts of three-score cubits, even unto the post of the court round about the gate. ¹⁵And from the face of the gate of the entrance unto the face of the porch of the inner gate *were fifty cubits*. ¹⁶And *there were closed windows to the little cham-*

bers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the arches: and windows *were round about inward*; and upon *each post were palm-trees*.

¹⁷Then brought he me into the outward court, and, lo, *there were chambers, and a pavement made for the court round about*: thirty chambers *were upon the pavement*. ¹⁸And the pavement by the side of the gates over against the length of the gates *was the lower pavement*. ¹⁹Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court without, a hundred cubits eastward and northward.

²⁰And the gate of the outward court that looked toward the north, he measured the length thereof, and the breadth thereof. ²¹And the little chambers thereof *were three on this side and three on that side*; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof *were after the measure of the first gate*: the length thereof *was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits*. ²²And their windows, and their arches, and their palm-trees, *were after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the east*; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof *were before them*. ²³And the gate of the inner court *was over against the gate toward the north, and toward the east*; and he measured from gate to gate a hundred cubits.

²⁴After that he brought me to-

ward the south, and behold a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof and the arches thereof according to these measures. ²⁵And *there were* windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. ²⁶And *there were* seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof *were* before them: and it had palm-trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof. ²⁷And *there was* a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south a hundred cubits.

²⁸And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures; ²⁹And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and *there were* windows in it and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad. ³⁰And the arches round about *were* five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad. ³¹And the arches thereof *were* toward the outer court; and palm-trees *were* upon the posts thereof: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

³²And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures. ³³And the little chambers thereof, and the posts

thereof, and the arches thereof, *were* according to these measures: and *there were* windows therein and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad. ³⁴And the arches thereof *were* toward the outward court; and palm-trees *were* upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

³⁵And he brought me to the north gate, and measured it according to these measures; ³⁶The little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and arches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. ³⁷And the posts thereof *were* toward the outer court; and palm-trees *were* upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

³⁸And a chamber with the entry thereof *was* by the posts of the gates, where they washed the burnt-offering. ³⁹And in the porch of the gate *were* two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt-offering and the sin-offering and the trespass-offering. ⁴⁰And at the side without, as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, *were* two tables; and on the other side, which *was* at the porch of the gate, *were* two tables. ⁴¹Four tables *were* on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, where-

upon they slew *their sacrifices*.
⁴²And the four tables *were* of hewn stone for the burnt-offering, of a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt-offering and the sacrifice. ⁴³And hooks, a handbreadth long, *were* fastened within round about: and upon the tables *was* the flesh of the offering. ⁴⁴And without the inner gate *were* the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which *was* at the side of the north gate; and their prospect *was* toward the south: one at the side of the east gate *having* the prospect toward the north. ⁴⁵And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect *is* toward the south, *is* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house. ⁴⁶And the chamber whose prospect *is* toward the north *is* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these *are* the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, that come near to the Lord to minister unto him.

⁴⁷So he measured the court, a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar *that was* before the house.

⁴⁸And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured *each* post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate *was* three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that

side. ⁴⁹The length of the porch *was* twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits, with the steps whereby they went up to it: and *there were* pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

41 Afterward he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, *which was* the breadth of the tabernacle. ²And the breadth of the door *was* ten cubits; and the sides of the door *were* five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits: and the breadth, twenty cubits.

³Then went he inward, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the breadth of the door, seven cubits. ⁴So he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said unto me, This *is* the most holy place.

⁵After he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of *every* side-chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side. ⁶And the side-chambers *were* three, one over another, and thirty in order; and *props* entered into the wall of the house for the side-chambers round about, that they might have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house. ⁷And the side-chambers had great-

or breadth and compass as they were higher and higher; for the compass of the house *increased* as it went higher and higher round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house *continued* upward; and so one ascended from the lowest story to the highest by the midst. ⁸I saw also the height of the house round about: the foundations of the side-chambers *were* a full reed of six cubits to the armholes. ⁹The thickness of the wall, which was for the side-chamber without, *was* five cubits: and *that* which *was* left *was* the place of the side-chambers that *were* within. ¹⁰And between the chambers *was* the breadth of twenty cubits round about the house on every side. ¹¹And the doors of the side-chambers *were* toward the place that *was* left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that *was* left *was* five cubits round about. ¹²Now the building that *was* before the separate place at the end toward the west *was* seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building *was* five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits.

¹³So he measured the house, a hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, a hundred cubits long; ¹⁴Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, a hundred cubits. ¹⁵And he measured the length of the building

over against the separate place which *was* behind it, and the galleries thereof on the one side and on the other side, a hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court; ¹⁶The door posts, and the closed windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, ceiled with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows *were* covered; ¹⁷To that above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by measure. ¹⁸And *it was* made with cherubim and palm-trees, so that a palm-tree *was* between a cherub and a cherub; and *every* cherub had two faces; ¹⁹So that the face of a man *was* toward the palm-tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm-tree on the other side: *it was* made through all the house round about. ²⁰From the ground unto above the door *were* cherubim and palm-trees made, and *on* the wall of the temple. ²¹The posts of the temple *were* squared, and the face of the sanctuary; the appearance of the one *as* the appearance of the other.

²²The altar of wood *was* three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits; and the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the walls thereof, *were* of wood: and he said unto me, This is the table that is before the Lord.

²³And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors. ²⁴And the doors had two leaves *apiece*, two turning leaves; two *leaves* for the one door, and two leaves for the other *door*. ²⁵And *there were* made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm-trees, like as *were* made upon the walls; and *there were* thick planks upon the face of the porch without. ²⁶And *there were* closed windows and palm-trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and *upon* the side-chambers of the house, and thick planks.

42 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the chamber that *was* over against the separate place, and which *was* before the building toward the north. ²Before the length of a hundred cubits *was* the north door, and the breadth *was* fifty cubits. ³Over against the twenty *cubits* which *were* for the inner court, and over against the pavement which *was* for the outer court, *was* gallery against gallery in three *stories*. ⁴And before the chambers *was* a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors toward the north. ⁵Now the upper chambers *were* shorter: for the galleries took away from these, more than from the lower and from the middlemost, in the building. ⁶For they *were* in three *stories*, but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts:

therefore they were straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground. ⁷And the wall that *was* without over against the chambers, toward the outer court on the forepart of the chambers, the length thereof *was* fifty cubits. ⁸For the length of the chambers that *were* in the outer court *was* fifty cubits: and, lo, before the temple *were* a hundred cubits. ⁹And from under these chambers *was* the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them from the outer court.

¹⁰*There were* chambers in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and over against the building. ¹¹And the way before them *was* like the appearance of the chambers which *were* toward the north, as long as they, and as broad as they: and all their goings out *were* both according to their fashions, and according to their doors. ¹²And according to the doors of the chambers that *were* toward the south *was* a door in the head of the way, *even* the way directed toward the wall eastward, as one entereth into them.

¹³Then said he unto me, The north chambers *and* the south chambers, which *are* before the separate place, they *are* holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the Lord shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meat-offerings, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-of-

fering; for the place *is* holy. ¹⁴When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go out of the holy *place* into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they *are* holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to *those things* which are for the people.

¹⁵Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect *is* toward the east, and measured it round about. ¹⁶He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about. ¹⁷He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about. ¹⁸He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed. ¹⁹He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. ²⁰He measured it by the four sides: it had a wall round about, five hundred *reeds* long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

43 Afterward he brought me to the gate, *even* the gate that looketh toward the east: ²And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice *was* like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. ³And *it was* according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, *even* according to the vision that

I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions *were* like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. ⁴And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. ⁵So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house. ⁶And I heard *him* speaking unto me out of the house; and a man stood by me. ⁷And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, *neither* they, nor their kings, by their harlotry nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places. ⁸In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger. ⁹Now let them put away their harlotry, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

¹⁰Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern. ¹¹And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the house,

and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

¹²This is the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

¹³And these are the measures of the altar after the cubits: The cubit is a cubit and a hand-breadth; even the bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about shall be a span: and this shall be the upper surface of the altar. ¹⁴And from the bottom upon the ground even to the lower settle shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle even to the greater settle shall be four cubits, and the breadth one cubit. ¹⁵So the altar shall be four cubits; and from the altar and upward shall be four horns. ¹⁶And the altar shall be twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof. ¹⁷And the settle shall be fourteen cubits long and fourteen broad in the four squares thereof; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and the bottom thereof shall be a cubit about; and its stairs shall look toward the east.

¹⁸And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord God: These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon. ¹⁹And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that are of the seed of Zadok, that are near unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord God, a young bullock for a sin-offering. ²⁰And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse it and make atonement for it. ²¹Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin-offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary. ²²And on the second day thou shalt offer a he-goat without blemish for a sin-offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullock. ²³When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish. ²⁴And thou shalt offer them before the Lord, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt-offering unto the Lord. ²⁵Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin-offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish. ²⁶Seven days shall they atone for the altar and purify it:

and they shall consecrate it. ²⁷And when these days are expired, it shall be, *that* upon the eighth day, and *so* forward, the priests shall make your burnt-offerings upon the altar, and your peace-offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord God.

44 Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it *was* shut. ²And the Lord said unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the Lord, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut. ³*It is* for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the Lord; he shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

⁴Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord: and I fell upon my face. ⁵And the Lord said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the Lord, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entrance of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary. ⁶And thou shalt say to the rebellious, *even* to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abom-

inations. ⁷In that ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, *even* my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations. ⁸And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

⁹Thus saith the Lord God; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that *is* among the children of Israel. ¹⁰And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, that went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity. ¹¹Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, *having* charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt-offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them. ¹²Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord God, and they shall bear their iniquity. ¹³And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place: but they shall bear their

shame, and their abominations which they have committed. ¹⁴But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

¹⁵But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord God: ¹⁶They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge. ¹⁷And it shall come to pass, *that* when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within. ¹⁸They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird *themselves* with any thing that causeth sweat. ¹⁹And when they go forth into the outer court, *even* into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they minister, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments. ²⁰Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads. ²¹Neither

shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court. ²²Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that is the widow of a priest. ²³And they shall teach my people *the difference* between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. ²⁴And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; *and* they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my appointed times; and they shall hallow my sabbaths. ²⁵And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves. ²⁶And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days. ²⁷And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin-offering, saith the Lord God. ²⁸And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I *am* their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I *am* their possession. ²⁹They shall eat the meal-offerings, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-offering; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs. ³⁰And the first of all the first-fruits of all *things*, and every oblation of all, of every *sort* of

your oblations, shall be for the priests: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house. ³¹The priests shall not eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

45 Moreover, when ye shall di-

vide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the Lord, a holy portion of the land: the length *shall be* the length of five and twenty thousand *reeds*, and the breadth *shall be* ten thousand. This *shall be* holy in all the borders thereof round about. ²Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred *in length*, with five hundred *in breadth*, square round about; and fifty cubits for an open space round about it. ³And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary *and* the most holy *place*. ⁴The holy *portion* of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, that shall come near to minister unto the Lord: and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary. ⁵And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession for twenty chambers. ⁶And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and

five and twenty thousand long, over against the oblation of the holy *portion*: it shall be for the whole house of Israel. ⁷And a *portion shall be* for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the oblation of the holy *portion*, and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy *portion*, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward: and the length *shall be* over against one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border. ⁸This *portion* of land shall be his possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and *the rest* of the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

⁹Thus saith the Lord God; Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord God.

¹⁰Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath.

¹¹The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the ephah the tenth part of a homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer.

¹²And the shekel *shall be* twenty *gerahs*: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh.

¹³This is the oblation that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of a homer of wheat, and

ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah of a homer of barley: ¹⁴And the measure of oil *shall be after the bath of oil: the bath is the tenth part of the cor, which is ten baths, even as a homer; for ten baths are a homer.* ¹⁵And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a meal-offerings, and for a burnt-offering, and for peace-offerings, to make reconciliation for them, saith the Lord God. ¹⁶All the people of the land shall give this oblation for the prince in Israel. ¹⁷And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt-offerings, and meal-offerings, and drink-offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin-offering, and the meal-offering, and the burnt-offering, and the peace-offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.

¹⁸Thus saith the Lord God; In the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary: ¹⁹And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offering, and put it upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court. ²⁰And so thou shalt do the seventh *day* of the month for every one that erreth, and for *him that is simple*: so shall ye reconcile the house. ²¹In the first

month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the pass-over, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. ²²And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock for a sin-offering. ²³And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt-offering to the Lord, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a he-goat daily for a sin-offering. ²⁴And he shall prepare a meal-offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil for an ephah. ²⁵In the seventh *month*, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin-offering, according to the burnt-offering, and according to the meal-offering, and according to the oil.

46 Thus saith the Lord God; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened. ²And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. ³Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door

of this gate before the Lord in the sabbaths and in the new moons. ⁴And the burnt-offering that the prince shall offer unto the Lord in the sabbath day *shall be* six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish. ⁵And the meal-offering *shall be* an ephah for a ram, and the meal-offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah. ⁶And in the day of the new moon *it shall be* a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish. ⁷And he shall prepare a meal-offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and a hin of oil to an ephah. ⁸And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof. ⁹But when the people of the land shall come before the Lord in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it. ¹⁰And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth. ¹¹And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meal-offering shall be an ephah to a

bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

¹²Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt-offering or peace-offerings voluntarily unto the Lord, *one* shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, as he did on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth *one* shall shut the gate.

¹³Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt-offering unto the Lord of a lamb of the first year without blemish: thou shalt prepare it every morning. ¹⁴And thou shalt prepare a meal-offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of a hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour; a meal-offering continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the Lord. ¹⁵Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meal-offering, and the oil, every morning *for* a continual burnt-offering.

¹⁶Thus saith the Lord God; If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall be his sons'; *it shall be* their possession by inheritance. ¹⁷But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty; after it shall return to the prince: but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them. ¹⁸More-

over the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance, to force them out of their possession; but he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

¹⁹After he brought me through the entry, which *was* at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north: and, behold, there *was* a place on the two sides westward. ²⁰Then said he unto me, This *is* the place where the priests shall boil the trespass-offering and the sin-offering, where they shall bake the meal-offering; that they bear *them* not out into the outer court, to sanctify the people.

²¹Then he brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court *there was* a court. ²²In the four corners of the court *there were* courts joined of forty cubits long and thirty broad: these four corners *were* of one measure. ²³And *there was* a row of walls round about in them, round about them four, and *it was* made with boiling places under the rows round about.

²⁴Then said he unto me, These *are* the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

47 Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued

out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the fore front of the house *stood toward* the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. ²Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the outer gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

³And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the ankles. ⁴Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters *were* to the loins. ⁵Afterward he measured a thousand; and *it was* a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over. ⁶And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen *this*? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

⁷Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river *were* very many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: *when* brought

forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. ⁹And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh. ¹⁰And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from En-gedi even unto En-eglaim; there shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the Great Sea, exceeding many. ¹¹But the miry places thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt. ¹²And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to its months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary; and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

¹³Thus saith the Lord God; This shall be the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph shall have two portions. ¹⁴And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another; concerning which I lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance. ¹⁵And this shall be

the border of the land toward the north side, from the Great Sea, the way of Hethlon, unto the entrance of Zedad: ¹⁶Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazerhattichon, which is by the border of Havran. ¹⁷And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And this is the north side. ¹⁸And the east side ye shall measure from Havran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel by the Jordan, from the border unto the east sea. And this is the east side. ¹⁹And the south side southward, from Tamar even to the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the river which floweth into the Great Sea. And this is the south side southward. ²⁰The west side also shall be the Great Sea from the border, as far as over against the entrance of Hamath. This is the west side.

²¹So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel. ²²And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, that shall beget children among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. ²³And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger so-

journeeth, there shall ye give *him* his inheritance, saith the Lord God.

48 Now these are the names of the tribes: From the north end along the way to Hethlon, at the entrance of Hamath, Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus northward beside Hamath, there shall be from the east side unto the west one *portion* for Dan. ²And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, one *portion* for Asher. ³And by the border of Asher, from the east side even unto the west side, one *portion* for Naphtali. ⁴And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side, one *portion* for Manasseh. ⁵And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the west side, one *portion* for Ephraim. ⁶And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even unto the west side, one *portion* for Reuben. ⁷And by the border of Reuben, from the east side unto the west side, one *portion* for Judah.

⁸And by the border of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the offering which ye shall offer of five and twenty thousand *reeds* in breadth, and in length as one of the *other* parts, from the east side unto the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it. ⁹The oblation that ye shall offer unto the Lord *shall be* of five and twenty thousand in length, and of ten thousand in breadth. ¹⁰And for them, *even* for the priests, shall

be *this* holy oblation; toward the north five and twenty thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length: and the sanctuary of the Lord shall be in the midst thereof. ¹¹*It shall be* for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zadok, who have kept my charge, who went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. ¹²And *this* oblation of the land that is offered shall be unto them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites. ¹³And over against the border of the priests the Levites *shall have* five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length *shall be* five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand. ¹⁴And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange, nor alienate the first-fruits of the land: for *it is* holy unto the Lord.

¹⁵And the five thousand, that are left in the breadth over against the five and twenty thousand, shall be a profane *place* for the city, for dwelling, and for suburbs: and the city shall be in the midst thereof. ¹⁶And these *shall be* the measures thereof; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hun-

dred. ¹⁷And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty. ¹⁸And the residue in length over against the oblation of the holy *portion* shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward: and it shall be over against the oblation of the holy *portion*; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that serve the city. ¹⁹And they that serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel. ²⁰All the oblation shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation four-square, with the possession of the city.

²¹And the residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city, over against the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward over against the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, over against the portions for the prince: and it shall be the holy oblation; and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst thereof. ²²Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, *being* in the midst of that which is the

prince's between the border of Judah, and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

²³As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side unto the west side, Benjamin shall have one *portion*. ²⁴And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side, Simeon shall have one *portion*. ²⁵And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side, Issachar one *portion*. ²⁶And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side, Zebulun one *portion*. ²⁷And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side unto the west side, Gad one *portion*. ²⁸And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar unto Meribath-kadesh, and to the river toward the Great Sea. ²⁹This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions, saith the Lord God.

³⁰And these are the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures. ³¹And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi. ³²And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan. ³³And at the south

side four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun. ³⁴ At the west side four thousand and five hundred, <i>with</i> their three	gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali ³⁵ <i>It was</i> round about eighteen thousand <i>measures</i> : and the name of the city from <i>that</i> day <i>shall be</i> The Lord is there.
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HOSEA

1 The word of the Lord that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

²The beginning of the word of the Lord by Hosea. And the Lord said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of harlotry and children of harlotry: for the land hath committed great harlotry, *departing* from the Lord. ³So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; who conceived and bore him a son. ⁴And the Lord said unto him, Call his name Jezreel, for yet a little *while*, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel. ⁶And she conceived again, and bore a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Lo-ruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel, that I should in any wise forgive them. ⁷But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the Lord their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by

sword, nor by battle, *nor* by horses, nor by horsemen. ⁸Now when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived, and bore a son. ⁹Then said God, Call his name Lo-ammi: for ye *are* not my people, and I will not be your God.

2 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people, *there* it shall be said unto them, Ye *are* the sons of the living God. ²Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great *shall be* the day of Jezreel. ³Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah.

⁴Plead with your mother, plead: for she *is* not my wife, neither *am* I her husband: let her therefore put away her harlotries out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts; ⁵Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. ⁶And I will not have mercy upon her children;

for they *are* the children of harlotry. ⁷For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give *me* my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink. ⁸Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths. ⁹And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find *them*: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then *was it* better with me than now. ¹⁰For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, *which* they prepared for Baal. ¹¹Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax *given* to cover her nakedness. ¹²And now will I lay bare her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand. ¹³I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. ¹⁴And I will destroy her vines and her fig-trees, whereof she hath said, *These are* my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. ¹⁵And I will visit upon her the days of the Baalim, wherein she

burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the Lord.

¹⁶Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak to her heart. ¹⁷And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁸And it shall be at that day, saith the Lord, *that* thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali. ¹⁹For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name. ²⁰And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and *with* the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

²¹And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies. ²²I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the Lord. ²³And it shall come to pass in that day, I will answer, saith the Lord, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth; ²⁴And the earth shall answer the corn, and the

wine, and the oil; and they shall answer Jezreel. ²⁵And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to *them that were* not my people, *Thou art my people*; and they shall say, *Thou art my God*.

3 Then said the Lord unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of *her* friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the Lord toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine. ²So I bought her for me for fifteen *pieces* of silver, and for a homer of barley, and a half-homer of barley: ³And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for *another* man: *so will I also be for thee*.

⁴For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and *without* teraphim. ⁵Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days.

4 Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because *there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land*. ²By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing

adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. ³Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

⁴Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people *are* as they that strive with the priest. ⁵Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother. ⁶My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, will also forget thy children.

⁷As they were increased, so they sinned against me: *therefore* will I change their glory into shame. ⁸They feed on the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity. ⁹And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings. ¹⁰For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit harlotry, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the Lord.

¹¹Harlotry and wine and new wine take away the heart. ¹²My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of harlotry hath caused *them* to err, and they have gone astray from under

their God. ¹³They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore your daughters shall commit harlotry, and your spouses shall commit adultery. ¹⁴Shall I not punish your daughters when they commit harlotry, or your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery, when they separate themselves with harlots and sacrifice with harlots, and the people *that* doth not understand perisheth?

¹⁵Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, *yet* let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Beth-aven, nor swear, The Lord liveth. ¹⁶For Israel slideth back as a back-sliding heifer: now the Lord will feed them as a lamb in a large place. ¹⁷Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone. ¹⁸Their drinking will cease: they have committed harlotry continually: her rulers love shame. ¹⁹The wind hath bound them up in its wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

5 Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment is toward you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor. ²And the revolvers are gone deep in making slaughter, but I will chastise them all.

³I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O

Ephraim, thou committest harlotry, *and* Israel is defiled. ⁴They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of harlotry is in the midst of them, and they have not known the Lord.

⁵And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them. ⁶They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the Lord; but they shall not find *him*; he hath withdrawn himself from them. ⁷They have dealt treacherously against the Lord: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions.

⁸Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, *and* the trumpet in Ramah: blow an alarm at Beth-aven, after thee, O Benjamin. ⁹Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.

¹⁰The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: *therefore* I will pour out my wrath upon them like water. ¹¹Ephraim is oppressed *and* broken in judgment, because he was content to walk after *vain* command.

¹²Therefore *will* I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness. ¹³When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he

not heal you, nor cure you of your wound. ¹⁴For I *will be* unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, *even I*, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him.

¹⁵I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

6 Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. ²After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. ³Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain unto the earth.

⁴O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away. ⁵Therefore have I hewed *them* by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments *are* as the light that goeth forth. ⁶For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings.

⁷But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me. ⁸Gilead is a city of them

that work iniquity, *and is* polluted with blood. ⁹And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way by consent: for they commit lewdness. ¹⁰I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel: there is the harlotry of Ephraim, Israel is defiled. ¹¹Also, O Judah, there is a harvest set for thee, when I return the captivity of my people.

7 When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: for they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, *and* the troop of robbers spoileth without. ²And they consider not in their hearts *that* I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face. ³They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies. ⁴They *are* all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, *who* ceaseth from heating after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened. ⁵In the day of our king the princes became sick with the heat of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners. ⁶For they have made ready their heart like an oven, while they lie in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire. ⁷They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen: *there is* none among them that calleth unto me.

⁸Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake not turned. ⁹Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hair is sprinkled upon him, yet he knoweth not. ¹⁰And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the Lord their God, nor seek him for all this.

¹¹Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria. ¹²When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard. ¹³Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.

¹⁴And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against me. ¹⁵Though I have bound and strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me. ¹⁶They return, but not upward: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their desolation in the land of Egypt.

8 Set the trumpet to thy mouth.

He shall come as an eagle against the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed

my covenant, and trespassed against my law. ²Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee. ³Israel hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him.

⁴They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off. ⁵Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocency? ⁶For from Israel was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces. ⁷For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: should it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up. ⁸Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the nations as a vessel wherein is no pleasure. ⁹For they are gone up to Assyria, like a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired lovers, ¹⁰Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.

¹¹Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars have been unto him to sin. ¹²I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing. ¹³They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but

the Lord accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt. ¹⁴For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fortified cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

9 Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as *other* peoples: for thou hast gone astray from thy God, thou hast loved a reward upon every corn-floor. ²The floor and the wine-press shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her. ³They shall not dwell in the Lord's land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean *things* in Assyria. ⁴They shall not offer wine *offerings* to the Lord, neither shall they be pleasing unto him: their sacrifices *shall be* unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the Lord.

⁵What will ye do in the solemn day and in the day of the feast of the Lord? ⁶For, lo, they are gone because of destruction: Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them: the pleasant *places* for their silver, nettles shall possess them: thorns *shall be* in their tabernacles. ⁷The days of visitation are come, the days of recompense are come; Israel shall know it.

The prophet is a fool, the spiri-

tual man is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred. ⁸The watchman of Ephraim *was* with my God: but the prophet *is* a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God. ⁹They have deeply corrupted *themselves*, as in the days of Gibeah: therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.

¹⁰I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the first-ripe in the fig-tree at her first time: but they went to Baal-peor, and separated themselves unto *that* shame; and their abominations were according as they loved.

¹¹As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception. ¹²Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, *that there shall not be* a man left: yea, woe also to them when I depart from them! ¹³Ephraim, as I saw Tyrus, *is* planted in a pleasant place: but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer. ¹⁴Give them, O Lord: what wilt thou give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

¹⁵All their wickedness *is* in Gilgal: for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: all their princes *are* revolvers.

¹⁶Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, though they bring

forth, yet will I slay *even* the beloved *fruit* of their womb. ¹⁷My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

10 Israel is a luxuriant vine, who putteth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images. ²Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: he shall break down their altars, he shall spoil their images. ³For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the Lord; what then should a king do to us? ⁴They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up as poisonous herbs in the furrows of the field.

⁵The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Beth-aven: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and the priests thereof *that* rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it. ⁶It shall be also carried unto Assyria for a present to king Jareb: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.

⁷As for Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water. ⁸The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their

altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

⁹O Israel, thou hast sinned from the days of Gibeah: there they stood: the battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them. ¹⁰*It is in my desire that I should chastise them; and the peoples shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows.* ¹¹And Ephraim is as a heifer *that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods.*

¹²Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for *it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and teach you righteousness.* ¹³Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men. ¹⁴Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Beth-arbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon *her* children. ¹⁵So shall Beth-el do unto you because of your great wickedness: in a morning shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.

11 When Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. ²As they

called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto the Baalim, and burned incense to graven images. ¹I taught Ephraim also to walk, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them. ²I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them. ³He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return. ⁴And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour them, because of their own counsels.

⁵And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the Most High, none at all would exalt him. ⁶How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together. ⁷I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter in wrath. ⁸They shall walk after the Lord: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west. ⁹They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place

them in their houses, saith the Lord.

12 Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful to the Holy One. ²Ephraim pursueth wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt. ³The Lord hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him. ⁴He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God: ⁵Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in Beth-el, and there he spoke with us; ⁶Even the Lord God of hosts; the Lord is his memorial. ⁷Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.

⁸He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress. ⁹And Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: in all my labours they shall find no iniquity in me that were sin. ¹⁰And I that am the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast. ¹¹I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used simili-

tudes, by the ministry of the prophets. ¹²*Is there iniquity in Gilead? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields.*

¹³And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept *sheep*. ¹⁴And by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved. ¹⁵Ephraim provoked *him* to anger most bitterly: therefore shall he leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.

13 When Ephraim spoke *there* was trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. ²And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let them that sacrifice men kiss the calves. ³Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff *that* is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.

⁴Yet *I am* the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for *there is* no saviour besides me. ⁵*I did* know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. ⁶According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted;

therefore have they forgotten me. ⁷Therefore I will be unto them as a lion; as a leopard by the way will I observe *them*: ⁸*I will* meet them as a bear *that is* bereaved of *her whelps*, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them.

⁹Thou hast destroyed thyself. O Israel; for *thou art* against me, against thy help. ¹⁰Where is thy king now, that he may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? ¹¹*I gave* thee a king in mine anger, and took *him* away in my wrath.

¹²The iniquity of Ephraim *is* bound up; his sin *is* hid. ¹³The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he *is* an unwise son; for he should not stay long in *the place of* the breaking forth of children. ¹⁴*I will* ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, where are thy plagues? O grave where is thy destruction? repentance shall be hid from mine eyes. ¹⁵Though he grow luxuriantly between meadows, an east wind shall come, the wind of the Lord shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all precious things.

14 Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled

against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

²O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. ³Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive *us* graciously: so will we render *as* bullocks *the words of* our lips. ⁴Asshur shall not save us: we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, *Ye are* our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

⁵I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. ⁶I will be as the dew unto Israel:

he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. ⁷His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lebanon. ⁸They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive *as* the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof *shall be* as the wine of Lebanon. ⁹Ephraim *shall say*, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard *him*, and observed him: I *am* like a green fir-tree. From me is thy fruit found.

¹⁰Who *is* wise, and he shall understand these *things*? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord *are* right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

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JOEL

1 The word of the Lord that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

²Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? ³Tell ye your children of it, and *let* your children *tell* their children, and their children another generation.

⁴That which the palmer-worm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath

left hath the canker-worm eaten; and that which the canker-worm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten. ⁵Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

⁶For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion. ⁷He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig-tree: he hath made it

clean bare, and cast *it* away; the branches thereof are made white. ⁸Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth. ⁹The meal-offering and the drink-offering are cut off from the house of the Lord; the priests, the Lord's ministers, mourn. ¹⁰The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth. ¹¹Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vine-dressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished. ¹²The vine is dried up, and the fig-tree languisheth; the pomegranate-tree, the palm-tree also, and the apple-tree, *even* all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

¹³Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meal-offering and the drink-offering are withheld from the house of your God. ¹⁴Sanctify ye a fast, eall a solemn assembly, gather the elders *and* all the inhabitants of the land *into* the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord,

¹⁵Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord *is* at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. ¹⁶Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, *yea*, joy and gladness from the house of our God? ¹⁷The seed is rotten under their clods, the gar-

ners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. ¹⁸How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

¹⁹O Lord, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field. ²⁰The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

2 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for *it is* nigh at hand; ²A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, *even* to the years of many generations. ³A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land *is* as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. ⁴The appearance of them *is* as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. ⁵Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth

the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. ⁶Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. ⁷They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not change their paths. ⁸Neither shall one press another; they shall walk every one in his path: and *when* they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. ⁹They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. ¹⁰The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: ¹¹And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp *is* very great: for *he is* strong that executeth his word: for the day of the Lord *is* great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

¹²Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: ¹³And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. ¹⁴Who knoweth *if* he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; *even* a meal-offer-

ing and a drink-offering unto the Lord your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: ¹⁶Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. ¹⁷Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the peoples, Where *is* their God?

¹⁸Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people. ¹⁹Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations. ²⁰But I will remove far off from you the northern *army*, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

²¹Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things. ²²Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth its

fruit, the fig-tree and the vine do yield their strength. ²³Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain liberally, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. ²⁴And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the canker-worm, and the caterpillar, and the palmer-worm, my great army which I sent among you. ²⁶And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. ²⁷And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and that I *am* the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

3 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: ²And also upon the servants and upon the hand-maids in those days will I pour out my spirit, ³And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. ⁴The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come. ⁵And it shall come to pass,

that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

4 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring back the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, ²I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. ³And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

‘Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Sidon, and all the districts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompense? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompense upon your own head; ²Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly treasures: ³The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border. ⁴Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompense upon your own head: ⁵And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of

Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the Lord hath spoken it.

⁹Proclaim ye this among the nations; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up. ¹⁰Beat your plow-shares into swords, and your pruning-hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. ¹¹Make haste and come, all ye nations round about, and gather yourselves together: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord. ¹²Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the nations round about. ¹³Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

¹⁴Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. ¹⁵The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. ¹⁶The Lord also shall roar out

of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord *will be* the refuge of his people, and the stronghold of the children of Israel. ¹⁷So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

¹⁸And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the Lord, and shall water the valley of Shittim. ¹⁹Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence *against* the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. ²⁰But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. ²¹For I will cleanse their blood *that* I have not cleansed: and then the Lord shall dwell in Zion.

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AMOS

1 The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

²And he said, The Lord will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

³Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron: ⁴But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad. ⁵I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the Lord

⁶Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver *them* up to

Edom: ⁷But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof: ⁸And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn mine hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord God.

⁹Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant: ¹⁰But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

¹¹Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off his pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever: ¹²But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

¹³Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have

ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border: ¹⁴But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind: ¹⁵And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the Lord.

2 Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime: ²But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet: ³And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the Lord.

⁴Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have despised the law of the Lord, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after which their fathers have walked: ⁵But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

⁶Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and

the poor for a pair of sandals; ⁷That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek; and a man and his father will go in unto the *same* maid, to profane my holy name: ⁸And they lay *themselves* down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god.

⁹Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath. ¹⁰Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. ¹¹And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. *Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel?* saith the Lord. ¹²But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not.

¹³Behold, I will press you down, as a cart presseth *that is* full of sheaves. ¹⁴Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself: ¹⁵Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and *he that is* swift of foot shall not deliver *himself*: neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself. ¹⁶And *he that is* courageous among the mighty shall flee

away naked in that day, saith the Lord.

3 Hear this word that the Lord hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, ²You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

³Can two walk together, except they be agreed? ⁴Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing? ⁵Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him? shall *one* take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all? ⁶Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done *it*? ⁷Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. ⁸The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

⁹Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof. ¹⁰For they know not to do right, saith the Lord, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. ¹¹Therefore thus saith the Lord God: An adversary

there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and the palaces shall be spoiled. ¹²Thus saith the Lord; As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed and in Damascus in a couch.

¹³Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord God, the God of hosts. ¹⁴That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altar of Beth-el: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground. ¹⁵And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the Lord.

4 Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that *are* in the mountain of Samaria, that oppress the poor, that crush the needy, that say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink. ²The Lord God hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fish-hooks. ³And ye shall go out through the breaches, every one *through that which is* before her; and ye shall cast yourselves into Harmon, saith the Lord.

⁴Come to Beth-el, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your

tithes after three days: ⁵And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim *and* publish the free offerings: for so do ye love, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord God.

⁶And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

⁷And also I have withheld the rain from you, when *there were* yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece where-upon it rained not withered. ⁸So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

⁹I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig-trees and your olive-trees increased, the palmer-worm devoured *them*: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

¹⁰I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

¹¹I have overthrown *some* of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a

firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

¹²Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. ¹³For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning dawn *and* darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The Lord, The God of hosts, is his name.

5 Hear ye this word which I take up against you, *even* a lamentation, O house of Israel. ²The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; *there is* none to raise her up.

³For thus saith the Lord God; The city that went out *by* a thousand shall leave a hundred, and that which went forth *by* a hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.

⁴For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live: ⁵But seek not Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth-el shall come to nought. ⁶Seek the Lord, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour *it*, and *there be* none to quench it in Beth-el. ⁷Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and cast down righteousness to the earth, ⁸Seek

him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his name: ⁹That causeth destruction to break forth on the strong, so that destruction shall come against the fortress.

¹⁰They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly. ¹¹Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them. ¹²For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right. ¹³Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. ¹⁵Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

¹⁶Therefore the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus; Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall

call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilful lamentation to wailing. ¹⁷And all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through thee, saith the Lord.

¹⁸Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light. ¹⁹if a man did flee from a lion, a bear met him; or went in the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰Behold, the day of the Lord shall be darkness, and not light; even very dark, and brightness in it.

²¹I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. ²²Though offer me burnt-offerings and your meal-offering, I will not accept them: neither will I regard your peace-offerings of your fat beasts.

²³Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. ²⁴But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. ²⁵Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, house of Israel? ²⁶But ye have borne Siccuth your king, and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. ²⁷Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the Lord, whose name is The God of hosts.

6 Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and that are secure

in the mountain of Samaria, *that are* named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! ²Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: *are they* better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border? ³Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near; ⁴That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; ⁵That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of music, like David; ⁶That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. ⁷Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed. ⁸The Lord God hath sworn by himself, saith the Lord the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein.

⁹And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. ¹⁰And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is by the sides of the house, *Is there*

yet *any one* with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Be still: for we may not make mention of the name of the Lord.

¹¹For, behold, the Lord commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.

¹²Shall horses run upon the rock? will *one* plow *there* with oxen? for ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood:

¹³Ye that rejoice in a thing of nought, that say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength? ¹⁴But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the Lord the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entrance of Hemath unto the river of the wilderness.

7 Thus hath the Lord God shewn unto me, and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, *it was* the latter growth after the king's mowings. ²And it came to pass, *that* when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord God, forgive, I beseech thee: how shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small. ³The Lord repented for this; It shall not be, saith the Lord.

⁴Then hath the Lord God shewn unto me: and, behold, the Lord God called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up the field. ⁵Then said I, O Lord God, cease, I beseech

thee: how shall Jacob arise? for he is small. ⁶The Lord repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord God.

⁷Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall *made* by a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumb-line. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more: ⁹And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Beth-el sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

¹¹For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

¹²And Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:

¹³But prophesy not again any more at Beth-el: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the royal house. ¹⁴Then answered Amos,

and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was a herdman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit:

¹⁵And the Lord took me as I

followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. ¹⁶Now therefore hear thou the word of the Lord: Thou sayest, Prophesy not again Israel, and drop not *thy* word against the house of Israel. ¹⁷Therefore thus saith the Lord: Thy wife shall be a harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by lot, and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely be led into captivity out of his land.

⁸ Thus hath the Lord God shewn unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit. ²And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the Lord unto me, The end is come upon the people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more. ³And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord God: *there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence.*

⁴Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail, ⁵Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit, ⁶That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the refuse of the wheat. ⁷The Lord hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely

I will never forget any of their works.

⁸Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as the River; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as *by* the River of Egypt. ⁹And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord God, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day: ¹⁰And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only *son*, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

¹¹Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: ¹²And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find *it*. ¹³In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst. ¹⁴They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, As thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, As the manner of Beer-sheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

9 I saw the Lord standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the capital, that the posts may shake: and break them in the head, all of them: and I will slay

the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered. ²Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down: ³And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hidden from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them: ⁴And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

⁵And the Lord God of hosts is he that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like the River; and shall sink, as the River of Egypt. ⁶*It is* he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his arches upon the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his name.

⁷*Are ye* not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the Lord. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir? ⁸Behold, the eyes of the Lord God *are* upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it

from off the face of the earth; except that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the Lord.

⁹For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as *corn* is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least *grain* fall upon the earth. ¹⁰All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, that say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

¹¹In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: ¹²That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the nations, that are

called by my name, saith the Lord that doeth this.

¹³Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. ¹⁴And I will bring back the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*, and they shall plant vineyards and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. ¹⁵And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.

עֹבַדְיָה

OBADIAH

1 The vision of Obadiah.

Thus saith the Lord God concerning Edom; We have heard a rumour from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle. ²Behold, I have made thee small among the nations: thou art greatly despised. ³The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that

saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? ⁴Though thou exalt *thyself* as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord.

⁵If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grape-gatherers came to thee, would they not leave *some* grapes? ⁶How are the *things* of Esau

searched out! *how* are his hidden things sought up! ⁷All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee *even* to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee; *they that eat thy bread* have laid a wound under thee: *there is* no understanding in him.

⁸Shall I not in that day, saith the Lord, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau? ⁹And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter. ¹⁰For *thy* violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever. ¹¹In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou *wast* as one of them.

¹²But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress. ¹³Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the

day of their calamity, nor have laid *hands* on their substance in the day of their calamity; ¹⁴Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.

¹⁵For the day of the Lord is near upon all the nations: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head. ¹⁶For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

¹⁷But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. ¹⁸And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be *any* remaining of the house of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it. ¹⁹And *they* of the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and *they* of the plain the Philistines; and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria; and Benjamin shall possess Gilcad. ²⁰And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, *even* unto Zarephath; and the

captivity of Jerusalem, which *is* in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south. ²¹And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's

יוֹנָה

JONAH

1 Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ²Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness *is* come up before me.

³But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

⁴But the Lord cast out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. ⁵Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that *were* in the ship into the sea, to lighten *it* of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. ⁶So the ship-master came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, may be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.

⁷And they said every one to

his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil *is* upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. ⁸Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil *is* upon us. What *is* thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what *is* thy country? and of what people art thou? ⁹And he said unto them, I *am* a Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who hath made the sea and the dry land. ¹⁰Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them. ¹¹Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us for the sea grew more and more tempestuous. ¹²And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest *is* upon you.

¹³Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring *it* to the land; but

they could not: for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. ¹⁴Wherefore they cried unto the Lord, and said, We beseech thee, O Lord, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O Lord, hast done as it pleased thee. ¹⁵So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the Lord, and made vows.

2 Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. ²Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly, ³And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and he heard me; out of the inmost of the grave cried I, and thou heardest my voice. ⁴For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. ⁵Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. ⁶The waters compassed me about, *even* to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. ⁷I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O Lord my God. ⁸When my

soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. ⁹They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. ¹⁰But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* which I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord. ¹¹And the Lord spoke unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry *land*.

3 And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying, ²Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. ³So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. ⁴And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

⁵So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. ⁶For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water. ⁸But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth,

and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that *is* in their hands. ⁹Who can tell *if* God will not turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

¹⁰And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did *it* not.

4 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. ²And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord, *was* not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarsish: for I knew that thou *art* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. ³Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for *it is* better for me to die than to live. ⁴Then said the Lord, Art thou very angry?

⁵So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow,

till he might see what would become of the city. ⁶And the Lord God prepared a gourd, and made *it* to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd. ⁷But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered. ⁸And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a sultry east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, *It is* better for me to die than to live.

⁹And God said to Jonah, Art thou very angry for the gourd? And he said, I am very angry, *even* unto death. ¹⁰Then said the Lord, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: ¹¹And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than six-score thousand persons that can not discern between their right hand and their left hand; and *also* much cattle?

מִיכָה

MICAH

1 The word of the Lord that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

²Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord God be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple.

³For, behold, the Lord cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. ⁴And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters *that are* poured down a steep place.

⁵For the transgression of Jacob *is* all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What *is* the transgression of Jacob? *is it* not Samaria? and what *are* the high places of Judah? *are they* not Jerusalem?

⁶Therefore I will make Samaria as a heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will lay bare the foundations thereof. ⁷And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned

with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered *it* of the hire of a harlot, and they shall return to the hire of a harlot.

⁸Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the ostriches. ⁹For her wound *is* incurable; for it *is* come unto Judah; it *is* come unto the gate of my people, *even* to Jerusalem.

¹⁰Declare ye *it* not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of Aphrah roll thyself in the dust.

¹¹Pass ye away, O inhabitants of Saphir, having your shame naked: the inhabitant of Zaanan *is* not come forth; the mourning of Beth-ezel taketh from you its place of stay. ¹²For the inhabitant of Maroth waited carefully for good: but evil came down from the Lord unto the gate of Jerusalem. ¹³O thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift horse: she *is* the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion; for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.

¹⁴Therefore shalt thou give presents to Moresheth-gath: the houses of Achzib *shall be* a lie to the kings of Israel. ¹⁵Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O in-

habitant of Mareshah: he shall come unto Adullam the glory of Israel. ¹⁵Make thee bald, and poll thee for thy delicate children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

2 Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand. ²And they covet fields, and take *them* by violence; and houses, and take *them* away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

³Therefore thus saith the Lord; Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time is evil.

⁴In that day shall *one* take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We are utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he removed *it* from me! to an apostate he hath divided our fields. ⁵Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the Lord. ⁶Preach ye not, *say they to them that* preach: they shall not preach, *that* shame may not overtake them. ⁷*O thou that art* named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the Lord straitened? *are* these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh up-rightly?

⁸Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe with the garment from them that pass by securely as if they returned from war. ⁹The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever.

¹⁰Arise ye, and depart; for this is not *your* rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy *you*, even with a sore destruction. ¹¹If a man walking after wind and falsehood do lie, *saying*, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

¹²I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of *the multitude of men*. ¹³The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king passed before them, and the Lord at the head of them.

3 And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; *Is it* not for you to know judgment? ²Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; ³Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and

chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron. ⁴Then shall they cry unto the Lord, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.

⁵Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.

⁶Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine: and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

⁷Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God.

⁸But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

⁹Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity. ¹⁰They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

¹¹The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet

will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? no evil can come upon us.

¹²Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

4 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow unto it.

²And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

³And he shall judge among many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁴And they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it. ⁵For all peoples will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

⁷In that day, saith the Lord, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; ⁸And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

⁹And thou, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem. ¹⁰Now why dost thou cry out aloud? *is there* no king in thee? *is thy counsellor* perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail. ¹¹Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go *even* to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the Lord shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

¹²Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion. ¹³But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.

¹⁴Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many peoples: and I

will consecrate their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

¹⁵Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

5 But thou, Beth-lehem Ephrathah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall one come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting. ²Therefore will he give them up until the time *that* she that travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. ³And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

⁴And in this *wise* shall there be peace: If Asshur should come into our land; and if he should tread in our palaces, then will we raise up against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. ⁵And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver *us* from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

⁶And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples as the dew from the Lord,

as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men. ¹And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations in the midst of many peoples as a lion among the heasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. ²Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.

³And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots: ⁴And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds: ⁵And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers: ⁶Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands. ⁷And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thy cities. ⁸And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the nations which obeyed not.

6 Hear ye now what the Lord saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice. ²Hear ye, O mountains, the Lord's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the Lord hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

³O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me. ⁴For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the Lord.

⁶Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves of a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸He hath shewn thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

⁹The Lord's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it. ¹⁰Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is abominable? ¹¹Shall I be pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights? ¹²For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and

the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

¹³Therefore also will I make *thee* sick in smiting thee, in making *thee* desolate because of thy sins. ¹⁴Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy shrinking *shall be* in the midst of thee: and thou shalt overtake, but shalt not deliver; and *that* which thou deliverest will I give up to the sword. ¹⁵Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.

¹⁶For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels; that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof a hissing: therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people.

7 Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: *there is* no cluster to eat: my soul desired the first-ripe fruit.

²The good *man* is perished out of the earth: and *there is* none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. ³That they may do evil with both hands diligently, the prince asketh, and the judge *judgeth* for a reward: and the great *man*, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they

weave it together. 'The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is *sharper* than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.

⁴Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from him that lieth in thy bosom. ⁵For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

⁶Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will heal me.

⁸Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord *shall be* a light unto me. ⁹I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.

¹⁰Then *she* that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her that said unto me, Where is the Lord thy God? mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets.

¹¹The day that thy walls are to be built, that appointed day, is yet far removed. ¹²In that day also he shall come down to thee from Assyria, and from the forti-

fled cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain. ¹³Yet the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

¹⁴Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, that dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. ¹⁵As the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous things.

¹⁶The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf. ¹⁷They shall lick the dust

like a serpent, they shall come out trembling from their strongholds like creeping things of the earth: they shall be afraid of the Lord our God, and shall fear because of thee.

¹⁸Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

¹⁹He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. ²⁰Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

נחום

NAHUM

1 The prophecy of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

²God is jealous, and the Lord revengeth; the Lord revengeth, and is furious; the Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies. ³The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. ⁴He re-

buketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. ⁵The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is lifted up at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. ⁶Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

⁷The Lord *is* good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. ⁸But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies. ⁹What do ye imagine against the Lord? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time. ¹⁰For while *they be* like tangled thorns, and while they be drunk with their drink, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry. ¹¹There is *one* come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the Lord, a wicked counsellor. ¹²Thus saith the Lord; Though *they be* powerful, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more. ¹³For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds asunder.

¹⁴And the Lord hath given a commandment concerning thee, *that* no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave; for thou art vile.

2 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

²He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep

thy fortress, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily. ³For the Lord hath turned away the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches. ⁴The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men *are* in scarlet: the chariots *shall be* with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir-trees shall be terribly shaken. ⁵The chariot shall rage in the streets, the shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.

⁶He shall remember his woes: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defence shall be prepared. ⁷The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved. ⁸And Huzzab shall be led away captive: she shall be brought up, and her maids shall moan as with the voice of doves, tabernaculating upon their breasts.

⁹But Nineveh *is* of old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, *shall they cry*; but none shall look back.

¹⁰Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold: for *there is* no end of the store, an abundance of all the pleasant articles. ¹¹She is empty, and void, and waste, and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain *is* in all loins, and the face

of them all gather blackness.

¹²Where *is* the dwelling of the lions, and the feeding-place of the young lions, where the lion, *even* the old lion, walked, *and* the lion's whelp, and none made *them* afraid? ¹³The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravin.

¹⁴Behold, I *am* against thee, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

3 Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not; ²The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the prancing horses, and of the jumping chariots. ³The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and *there is* a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcasses; and *there is* no end of *their* corpses; they stumble upon their corpses: ⁴Because of the multitude of the harlotries of the well-favoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her harlotries, and families through her witchcrafts.

⁵Behold, I *am* against thee, saith the Lord of hosts; and I will uncover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will shew the nations

thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame. ⁶And I will cast a-bominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a dung-hill. ⁷And it shall come to pass, *that* all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee?

⁸Art thou better than No-amon that sat among the rivers, *that had* the waters round about it, whose rampart *was* the sea, and her wall *was* from the sea? ⁹Ethiopia and Egypt *were* her strength, and *it was* infinite; Put and Lubim were thy helpers. ¹⁰Yet *was* she carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.

¹¹Thou also shalt be drunk: thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy. ¹²All thy strongholds *shall be like* fig-trees with the first-ripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater. ¹³Behold, thy people in the midst of thee *are* women: the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire shall devour thy bars.

¹⁴Draw thee waters for the siege, fortify thy strongholds: go into clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brick-kiln. ¹⁵There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off, it shall

eat thee up like the canker-worm: make thyself many as the canker-worm, make thyself many as the locusts.

¹⁰Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven: the canker-worm spreadeth himself, and fleeth away. ¹¹Thy crowned *are* as the locusts, and thy captains as the swarms of locusts, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, *but* when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their

place is not known where the *are*.

¹²Thy shepherds slumber, king of Assyria: thy nobles *at* rest: thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth *them*. ¹³There is no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom had not thy wickedness passed continually?

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HABAKKUK

1 The prophecy which Habakkuk the prophet did see.

²O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! *even* cry out unto thee *of* violence, and thou wilt not save! ³Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and look upon mischief? for spoiling and violence *are* before me: and there is strife, and contention riseth up. ⁴Therefore the law is slackened, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.

⁵Behold ye among the nations, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for *I* will work a work in your days, *which* ye will not believe, though it be told *you*. ⁶For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, *that* bitter and hasty nation, who shall

march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwelling places *that are* not theirs. ⁷They *are* terrible and dreadful: the judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves. ⁸Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle *that* hasteth to eat. ⁹They shall come all for violence: the direction of their faces is forward, and they shall gather captives as the sand. ¹⁰And they shall scoff at the kings, and the prince shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every stronghold; for they shall heap dust, and take it. ¹¹Then shall *his* mind change, and

he shall pass over, and offend, *imputing* this his power unto his god.

¹²Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O Rock, thou hast established them for correction.

¹³*Thou art* of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth *the man that is more righteous than he*?

¹⁴And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, *that have no ruler over them*?

¹⁵He taketh up all of them with the angle, he catcheth them in his net, and gathereth them in his drag: therefore he rejoiceth and is glad.

¹⁶Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion *is* fat, and their meat nourishing. ¹⁷Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

2 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. ²And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tablets, that he may run that readeth it. ³For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait

for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

⁴Behold, his soul *is* haughty, it is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

⁵Yea also, the wine dealeth treacherously with the haughty man, and he cannot rest; he enlargeth his desire as the grave, and *is* as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all peoples: ⁶Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth *that which is* not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with pledges. ⁷Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them? ⁸Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

⁹Woe to him that getteth unjust gain to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil! ¹⁰Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many peoples, and hast sinned against thy soul. ¹¹For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

¹²Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city by iniquity! ¹³Behold, *is it*

not of the Lord of hosts that the peoples shall labour in the very fire, and the nations shall weary themselves for naught? ¹⁴For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁵Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth poison to *him*, and maketh *him* drunk also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness! ¹⁶Thou art filled with shame for glory: drink thou also, and reel: the cup of the Lord's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and filthiness *shall be* on thy glory. ¹⁷For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts shall terrify thee, because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

¹⁸What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols? ¹⁹Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and *there is* no breath at all in the midst of it. ²⁰But the Lord *is* in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

3 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.

¹O Lord, I have heard thy speech, *and* was afraid: O Lord,

revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy. ²God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran, Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. ³And *his* brightness was as the light; he had rays *coming* out of his hand: and there *was* the hiding of his power. ⁴Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet. ⁵He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and ~~the~~ everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways *are* everlasting. ⁶I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: *and* the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble. ⁷Was the Lord displeased against the rivers? *was* thine anger against the rivers? *was* thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses *and* thy chariots of salvation? ⁸Thy bow was made quite naked, sworn are the staves of *his* word. Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers. ⁹The mountains saw thee, *and* they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered its voice, *and* lifted up its hands on high. ¹⁰The sun *and* moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, *and* at the shining of thy glittering spear.

¹¹Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the nations in anger.

¹³Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, *even* for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, laying bare the foundation unto the neck. Selah. ¹⁴Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing *was* as to devour the poor secretly. ¹⁵Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, *through* the heap of great waters.

¹⁶When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of

trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops.

¹⁷For the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls: ¹⁸Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹The Lord God *is* my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

To the chief singer. On my stringed instruments.

צפניה

ZEPHANIAH

1 The word of the Lord which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

²I will utterly consume all *things* from off the land, saith the Lord. ³I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling-blocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the Lord. ⁴I will also stretch out

mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, *and* the name of the Chemarim with the priests; ⁵And them that worship the host of heaven upon the house-tops; and them that worship *and* that swear by the Lord, and that swear by Malcham; ⁶And them that are turned back from the Lord; and *those* that have not sought the Lord, nor inquired for him.

⁷Hold thy peace at the presence

of the Lord God: for the day of the Lord *is* at hand: for the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests. ⁸And it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel. ⁹In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, that fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.

¹⁰And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, *that there shall be* the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and a howling from the second quarter, and a great crashing from the hills.

¹¹Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off. ¹²And it shall come to pass at that time, *that* I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil.

¹³Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but not inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof. ¹⁴The great day of the Lord *is* near, *it is* near, and hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. ¹⁵That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and

gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fortified cities, and against the high towers. ¹⁷And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy end of all them that dwell in the land.

2 Gather yourselves together, ye, gather together, O nation not ashamed; ²Before the decree bring forth, *before* the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you. ³Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, who have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger. ⁴For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon-day, and Ekron shall be rooted up. ⁵Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea-coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the Lord *is* against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, *that* there shall be no inhabitant. ⁶And the sea-coast shall be dwellings

and wells for shepherds, and folds for flocks. ⁷And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: for the Lord their God shall visit them, and return their captivity.

⁸I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified *themselves* against their border. ⁹Therefore as I live, saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, a bush of nettles, and salt-pits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them. ¹⁰This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified *themselves* against the people of the Lord of hosts. ¹¹The Lord will be terrible unto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from his place, *even* all the isles of the nations. ¹²Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by my sword.

¹³And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness. ¹⁴And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant and the hedgehog

shall lodge in the upper lintels of it; *their* voice shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds: for he shall uncover the cedar work. ¹⁵This is the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I am, and *there is* none besides me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and wag his hand.

3 Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city! ²She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God. ³Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones on the morrow. ⁴Her prophets are wanton and treacherous persons: her priests have profaned the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law. ⁵The just Lord is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame. ⁶I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is no inhabitant. ⁷I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, all that I had appointed concerning her: but they rose early,

and corrupted all their doings.

⁸Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, *even* all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. ⁹For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent. ¹⁰From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, *even* the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering. ¹¹In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty in my holy mountain. ¹²I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. ¹³The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make

them afraid.

¹⁴Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. ¹⁵The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, *even* the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more. ¹⁶In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: *and* to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. ¹⁷The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. ¹⁸I will gather *them that are* sorrowful for the solemn assembly, *who* departed from thee, *to whom* the reproach of it *was* a burden. ¹⁹Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame. ²⁰At that time will I bring you *back*, *even* in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the Lord

HAGGAI

1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, ²Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built. ³Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying, ⁴Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, while this house is waste?

⁵Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. ⁶Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

⁷Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. ⁸Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord. ⁹Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why?

saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. ¹⁰Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from fruit. ¹¹And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

¹²Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the Lord. ¹³Then spoke Haggai the Lord's messenger in the Lord's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the Lord.

¹⁴And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts, their God. ¹⁵In the four

and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

2 In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the Lord by the prophet Haggai, saying, ²Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying, ³Who is left among you that saw this house in its first glory? and how do ye see it now? *is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?* ⁴Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for *I am with you*, saith the Lord of hosts: ⁵*According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.* ⁶For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; ⁷And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. ⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. ⁹The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.

¹⁰In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet saying, ¹¹Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying, ¹²If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No. ¹³Then said Haggai, If *one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these* shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. ¹⁴Then answered Haggai, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the Lord; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean. ¹⁵And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the Lord: ¹⁶Since those days were, when *one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten: when one came to the wine-vat to draw out fifty measures out of the wine-press, there were but twenty.* ¹⁷I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands; yet ye *turned not to me*, saith the Lord. ¹⁸Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, *even from the day that the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid*, consider

it. ¹⁹Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig-tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive-tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you.

²⁰And again the word of the Lord came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying, ²¹Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth; ²²And I will overthrow the

throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. ²³In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the Lord, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord of hosts.

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ZECHARIAH

1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

²The Lord hath been sore displeased with your fathers. ³Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. ⁴Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the Lord. ⁵Your fathers, where are they? and the

prophets, do they live for ever?

⁶But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the Lord of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

⁷Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

⁸I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle-trees

that *were* in the bottom; and behind him *were there* red horses, sorrel, and white. ⁹Then said I, O my lord, what *are* these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these *are*. ¹⁰And the man that stood among the myrtle-trees answered and said, These *are they* whom the Lord hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. ¹¹And they answered the angel of the Lord that stood among the myrtle-trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest. ¹²Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, O Lord of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? ¹³And the Lord answered the angel that talked with me *with good words and comforting words*. ¹⁴So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. ¹⁵And I am very sore displeased with the nations *that are* at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the evil. ¹⁶Therefore thus saith the Lord; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the Lord of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem. ¹⁷Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts;

My cities shall yet overflow with prosperity; and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

2 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. ²And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What *are* these? And he answered me, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

³And the Lord shewed me four carpenters. ⁴Then said I, What come these to do? And he spoke, saying, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast down the horns of the nations, which lifted up *their* horns over the land of Judah to scatter it.

⁵I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand. ⁶Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is* the breadth thereof, and what *is* the length thereof. ⁷And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, ⁸And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited *as* towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein: ⁹For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

¹⁰Ho, ho, come forth, and flee

from the land of the north, saith the Lord: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the Lord. ¹¹Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon. ¹²For thus saith the Lord of hosts; for *your* glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. ¹³For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me.

¹⁴Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord. ¹⁵And many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto thee. ¹⁶And the Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. ¹⁷Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

3 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. ²And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan, even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? ³Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and

stood before the angel. ⁴And he answered and spoke unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him, And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee in costly garments. ⁵And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by. ⁶And the angel of the Lord warned Joshua, saying, ⁷Thus saith the Lord of hosts; if thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

⁸Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they *are* men of distinction: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the Sprout of David. ⁹For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone *shall be* seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. ¹⁰In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig-tree.

4 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of sleep. ²And said unto

me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and its seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which *are* upon the top thereof: ³And two olive-trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. ⁴So I answered and spoke to the angel that talked with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord? ⁵Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these *are*? And I said, No, my lord. ⁶Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. ⁷Who *art* thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *thou shalt become* a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone with shouts of, Grace, grace unto it.

⁸Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ⁹The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. ¹⁰For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

¹¹Then answered I, and said unto him, What *are* these two

olive-trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? ¹²And I answered again, and said unto him, What *are these* two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? ¹³And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these *are*? And I said, No, my lord. ¹⁴Then said he, These *are* the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

5 Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll. ²And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof *is* twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits. ³Then said he unto me, This *is* the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off *as* on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off *as* on that side according to it. ⁴I will bring it forth, saith the Lord of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

⁵Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth. ⁶And I said, What *is* it? And he said, This *is* an ephah

that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth. ⁷And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah. ⁸And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

⁹Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind *was* in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven. ¹⁰Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah? ¹¹And he said unto me, To build it a house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon its own base.

6 And again I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains *were* mountains of brass. ²In the first chariot *were* red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; ³And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses. ⁴Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What *are* these, my lord? ⁵And the angel answered and said unto me, These *are* the four winds of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth. ⁶The black horses which *are* therein go forth

into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. ⁷And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. ⁸Then he called me, and spoke unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

⁹And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, ¹⁰Take of *them* of the captivity, *even of the lineage* of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, who are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah; ¹¹Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set *them* upon the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest; ¹²And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is the Sprout; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord: ¹³Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. ¹⁴And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in

the temple of the Lord. ¹⁵And they *that are* far off shall come and build in the temple of the Lord, and ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. And *this* shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.

7 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, *that* the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah in the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *even* in Chisleul; ²When they had sent unto the house of God Sharezer and Regem-melech, and their men, to pray before the Lord, ³And to speak unto the priests that *were* in the house of the Lord of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years? ⁴Then came the word of the Lord of hosts unto me, saying, ⁵Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *month* even these seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, *even* to me? ⁶And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat *for yourselves*, and drink *for yourselves*? ⁷Should ye not *hear* the words which the Lord hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when *men* inhabited the south and the plain?

⁸And the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah, saying,

⁹Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother: ¹⁰And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart. ¹¹But they refused to hearken, and shewed a rebellious shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. ¹²Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the Lord of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the Lord of hosts. ¹³Therefore it is come to pass, *that* as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the Lord of hosts: ¹⁴But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.

8 Again the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying, ²Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

³Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called The city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts The holy mountain.

‘Thus saith the Lord of hosts: There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for great age. ⁶And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

‘Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts.

⁷Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; ⁸And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

‘Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets who were in the day *that* the foundation of the house of the Lord of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built. ¹⁰For before those days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither *was there any* peace to him that went out or came in because of the enemy: for I set all men every one against his neighbour. ¹¹But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the Lord of hosts. ¹²For the seed *shall be* prosperous; the vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall

give its increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*. ¹³And it shall come to pass, *that* as ye were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, *but* let your hands be strong.

¹⁴For thus saith the Lord of hosts; As I thought to do evil unto you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the Lord of hosts, and I repented not: ¹⁵So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not.

¹⁶These *are* the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: ¹⁷And let none of you devise evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these *are things* that I hate, saith the Lord.

¹⁸And the word of the Lord of hosts came unto me, saying, ¹⁹Thus saith the Lord of hosts; The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.

²⁰Thus saith the Lord of hosts; *It shall yet come to pass*, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: ²¹And the inhabitants of one *city* shall

go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I will go also. ²²Yea, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord.

²³Thus saith the Lord of hosts; In those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men, out of all the languages of the nations, shall take hold, yea they shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard *that* God is with you.

9 The utterance of the word of the Lord against the land of Hadrach, and against Damascus the resting-place thereof: for the Lord hath his eye upon men and upon all the tribes of Israel: ²And also *against* Hamath which bordereth thereon; Tyrus, and Sidon, though they be very wise. ³And Tyrus did build herself a stronghold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets. ⁴Behold, the Lord will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire. ⁵Ashkelon shall see *it*, and fear; Gaza also *shall see it*, and tremble greatly; and Ekron, for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited. ⁶And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. ⁷And I will take away his blood out of

his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remaineth, even he, *shall be* for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite. ⁸And I will encamp about mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy king cometh unto thee: he is just, and having victory; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. ¹⁰And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the nations: and his dominion *shall be* from sea *even* to sea, and from the River *even* to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water. ¹²Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare *that* I will render double unto thee; ¹³I have bent Judah for me, taken hold of Ephraim *as* a bow, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man. ¹⁴And the Lord shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord God

shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. ¹⁰The Lord of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar. ¹⁶And the Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for *they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.* ¹⁷For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

10 Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make flashes of lightning, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. ²For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because *there was no shepherd.*

³Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the Lord of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle. ⁴Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together. ⁵And they shall be as mighty men, who tread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets

in the battle: and they shall fight, because the Lord is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

⁶And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to their places; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am* the Lord their God, and will answer *them.* ⁷And *they* of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the Lord.

⁸I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased. ⁹And I will sow them among the peoples: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and return. ¹⁰I will bring them back also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and *place* shall not be found for them.

¹¹And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away. ¹²And I will strengthen them in the Lord; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the Lord.

11 Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars. ²Howl, fir-tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down. ³*There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of the Jordan is spoiled.*

⁴Thus saith the Lord my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter; ⁵Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them, say, Blessed be the Lord; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not. ⁶For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the Lord: but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver *them*. ⁷And I will feed the flock of slaughter, *even you*, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Grace, and the other I called Bond; and I fed *the flock*. ⁸Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me. ⁹Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another. ¹⁰And I took my staff, *even Grace*, and cut it asunder, that I might break my

covenant which I had made with all the peoples. ¹¹And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it *was* the word of the Lord. ¹²And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver. ¹³And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord. ¹⁴Then I cut asunder mine other staff, *even Bond*, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel. ¹⁵And the Lord said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd. ¹⁶For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, *who* shall not visit those that are cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

¹⁷Woe to the false shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword *shall be* upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

12 The utterance of the word of the Lord concerning Israel.

Thus saith the Lord, who stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man

within him. ²Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the peoples round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. ³And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the peoples: all that burden themselves with it shall be sorely hurt, though all the peoples of the earth be gathered together against it. ⁴In that day, saith the Lord, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness. ⁵And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the Lord of hosts their God. ⁶In that day will I make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the peoples round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem. ⁷The Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.

⁸In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of

the Lord before them.

⁹And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. ¹⁰And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look unto me *for every one* whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his only son*, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his first-born*. ¹¹In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. ¹²And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; ¹³The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; ¹⁴All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

13 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for the purification of sin and uncleanness. ²And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, *that* I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean

spirit to pass out of the land. ¹And it shall come to pass, *that* when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begot him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the Lord: and his father and his mother that begot him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.

²And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a hairy garment to deceive: ³But he shall say, I *am* no prophet, I *am* a husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth. ⁴And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

⁵Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man *that is* my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

⁶And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left therein. ⁷And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, it *is* my people: and

they shall say, The Lord *is* my God.

14 Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. ²For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. ⁴And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. ⁵And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, *and* all the saints with thee.

⁶And it shall come to pass in that day that there shall be no bright light, nor thick darkness: ⁷But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, *that* at evening time it shall be light.

⁹And it shall be in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem: half of them toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. ¹⁰And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall the Lord be one, and his name one.

¹⁰All the land shall be turned as the Arabah from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in its place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananel unto the king's wine-presses. ¹¹And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

¹²And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the peoples that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

¹³And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* a great tumult from the Lord shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour. ¹⁴And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the nations round about

shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance. ¹⁵And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

¹⁶And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. ¹⁷And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. ¹⁸And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, there shall be *no* rain upon them; there shall be the plague, wherewith the Lord will smite the nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. ¹⁹This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

²⁰In that day shall there be *written* upon the bells of the horses, Holy unto the Lord; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. ²¹Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holy unto the Lord of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts.

מְלָאכִי

MALACHI

1 The utterance of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi.

²I have loved you, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the Lord: yet I loved Jacob, ³And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness. ⁴Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the Lord of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the Lord hath indignation for ever. ⁵And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The Lord will be magnified beyond the border of Israel.

⁶A son honoureth *his* father, and a servant his master: if then I *be* a father, where *is* mine honour? and if I *be* a master, where *is* my fear? saith the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? ⁷Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the Lord *is* contemptible. ⁸And if ye

offer the blind for sacrifice, *is it* not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, *is it* not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the Lord of hosts. ⁹And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the Lord of hosts.

¹⁰O that there were one among you that would shut the doors, that ye might not kindle *fire* on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the Lord of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand. ¹¹For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name *shall be* great among the nations; and in every place *incense shall be* burnt and offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name *shall be* great among the nations, saith the Lord of hosts. ¹²But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the Lord *is* polluted; and the fruit thereof, *even* his meat, *is* contemptible. ¹³Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness *is it!* and ye have snuffed at it, saith the Lord of hosts; and ye brought *that which was* torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye

brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the Lord.

¹⁰But cursed *be* the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I *am* a great king, saith the Lord of hosts and my name is dreadful among the nations.

2 And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. ²If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. ³Behold, I will corrupt your seed and spread dung upon your faces, *even* the dung of your solemn feasts; and *one* shall take you away with it. ⁴And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the Lord of hosts. ⁵My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him *for* the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. ⁶The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.

⁷For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he *is* the messenger of the Lord of hosts. ⁸But ye are departed

out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the Lord of hosts. ⁹Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law.

¹⁰Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers? ¹¹Judah hath dealt treacherously and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the Lord which he loved, and hath espoused the daughter of a strange god. ¹²The Lord will cut off to the man that doeth this him that waketh and him that answereth, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the Lord of hosts. ¹³And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, nor receiveth it with good will at your hand.

¹⁴Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. ¹⁵Hath not the one *God* made *her*, and *is she not* the residue of his spirit? And

what doth the one *God* require? *nothing but* a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. ¹⁶For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for *one* covereth his garment with violence, saith the Lord of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

¹⁷Ye have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him*? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

3 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. ²But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: ³And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. ⁴Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

⁵And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in *his* wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger *from his right*, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

⁶For I the Lord, I have not changed; and ye sons of Jacob, ye are not consumed. ⁷Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept *them*. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? ⁸Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. ⁹Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation. ¹⁰Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it*.

¹¹And I will rebuke the devourer for your sake, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground: neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. ¹²And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a land of delight, saith the Lord of hosts.

¹³Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee? ¹⁴Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they even tempt God and are delivered.

¹⁶Then they that feared the Lord spoke often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. ¹⁷And they shall be, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day which I prepare, my special treasure; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. ¹⁸Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

¹⁹For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. ²⁰But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. ²¹And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall prepare, saith the Lord of hosts.

²²Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, even statutes and judgments. ²³Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: ²⁴And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

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PSALMS

FIRST BOOK

PSALM 1

¹Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

²But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

³And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

⁴The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

⁵Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

⁶For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 2

¹Why do the nations rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, *saying*,

³Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

⁴He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

⁵Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

⁶Yet have I set my king upon Zion my holy hill.

⁷I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my son; this day have I begotten thee.

⁸Ask of me, and I shall give thee the nations for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

⁹Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

¹⁰Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

¹¹Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

¹²Arm yourselves with purity, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

PSALM 3

A psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

²Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me.

³Many *there are* that say of my soul, *There is no help for him in God.* Selah.

⁴But thou, O Lord, *art* a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

⁵I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

⁶I laid me down and slept; I awoke; for the Lord sustained me.

⁷I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.

⁸Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

⁹Salvation *belongeth* unto the Lord: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

PSALM 4

To the chief musician on Neginoth, a psalm of David.

²Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

³O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will ye love vanity, and seek after lies? Selah.

⁴But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him.

⁵Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

⁶Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

⁷*There are* many that say, Who will shew us *any* good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

⁸Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time *that* their corn and their wine increased.

⁹I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM 5

To the chief musician upon Neginoth, a psalm of David.

²Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.

³Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

⁴My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.

⁵For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

⁶The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

⁷Thou shalt destroy them that speak lies: the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

⁸But as for me, I will come in-
to thy house in the multitude of
thy mercy: *and* in thy fear will
I worship toward thy holy temple.

⁹Lead me, O Lord, in thy right-
eousness because of mine ene-
mies; make thy way straight be-
fore my face.

¹⁰For *there is* no faithfulness
in their mouth; their inward
part *is* wickedness; their throat
is an open sepulchre; they flatter
with their tongue.

¹¹Destroy thou them, O God;
let them fall by their own coun-
sels; cast them out in the multi-
tude of their transgressions; for
they have rebelled against thee.

¹²But let all those that put their
trust in thee rejoice: let them
ever shout for joy, because thou
defendest them: let them also
that love thy name be joyful in
thee.

¹³For thou, Lord, wilt bless the
righteous; with favour wilt thou
compass him as *with* a shield.

PSALM 6

^aTo the chief musician on Neginoth
upon Sheminith, a psalm of David.

²O Lord, rebuke me not in thine
anger, neither chasten me in thy
hot displeasure.

³Have mercy upon me, O Lord;
for I *am* weak: O Lord, heal me;
for my bones are vexed.

⁴My soul is also sore vexed: but
thou, O Lord, how long?

⁵Return, O Lord, deliver my
soul: oh save me for thy mercies'
sake.

⁶For in death *there is* no re-
membrance of thee: in the grave
who shall give thee thanks?

⁷I am weary with my groaning;
all the night make I my bed to
swim; I water my couch with
my tears.

⁸Mine eye is consumed because
of grief; it waxeth old because of
all mine enemies.

⁹Depart from me, all ye work-
ers of iniquity; for the Lord hath
heard the voice of my weeping.

¹⁰The Lord hath heard my sup-
plication; the Lord will receive
my prayer.

¹¹Let all mine enemies be a-
shamed and sore vexed: let them
return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM 7

^aShiggalon of David, which he sang un-
to the Lord, concerning the words of
Cush the Benjamite.

²O Lord my God, in thee do I
put my trust: save me from all
them that persecute me, and de-
liver me:

³Lest he tear my soul like a lion,
rending *it* in pieces, while *there*
is none to deliver.

⁴O Lord my God, if I have done
this; if there be iniquity in my
hands;

⁵If I have rewarded evil unto
him that was at peace with me;
(yea, I have delivered him that
without cause is mine enemy:)

⁶Let the enemy persecute my
soul, and take *it*; yea, let him
tread down my life upon the
earth, and lay mine honour in
the dust. Selah.

⁷Arise, O Lord, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment *that* thou hast commanded.

⁸So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sake therefore return thou on high.

⁹The Lord shall judge the people: judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity *that is* in me.

¹⁰Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

¹¹My defence is of God, who saveth the upright in heart.

¹²God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.

¹³If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

¹⁴He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

¹⁵Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

¹⁶He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch *which* he made.

¹⁷His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

¹⁸I will praise the Lord accord-

ing to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.

PSALM 8

To the chief musician upon Gittith, a psalm of David.

²O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

³Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

⁴When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

⁵What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

⁶For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

⁷Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:

⁸All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

⁹The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.

¹⁰O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

PSALM 9

To the chief musician upon Muth-labben, a psalm of David.

²I will praise *thee*, O Lord, with

my whole heart; I will tell of all thy marvellous works.

¹I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.

²When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

³For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou sittest on the throne judging right.

⁴Thou hast rebuked the nations, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

⁵O thou enemy, destructions are come to an end for ever; and the cities which thou hast destroyed, their memorial is perished with them.

⁶But the Lord shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

⁷And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

⁸The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

⁹And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

¹⁰Sing praises to the Lord, who dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

¹¹When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

¹²Have mercy upon me, O Lord; consider my trouble *which I suffer* of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

¹³That I may tell of all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

¹⁴The nations are sunk down in the pit *that they made*: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

¹⁵The Lord is known *by* the judgment *which* he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.

¹⁶The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God.

¹⁷For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.

¹⁸Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail: let the nations be judged in thy sight.

¹⁹Put them in fear, O Lord: *that* the nations may know themselves *to be but* men. Selah.

PSALM 10

¹Why standest thou afar off, O Lord? *why* hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble?

²The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

³For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and the covetous

blesseth himself and despiseth the Lord.

⁴The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: *God is not in all his thoughts.*

⁵His ways are always grievous; thy judgments *are* far above out of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

⁶He hath said in his heart, *I shall not be moved*: for *I shall never be* in adversity.

⁷His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity.

⁸He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

⁹He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

¹⁰He croucheth, *and* humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

¹¹He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see *it*.

¹²Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

¹³Wherefore doth the wicked condemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*.

¹⁴Thou hast seen *it*; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto

thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

¹⁵Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*: seek out his wickedness *till* thou find none.

¹⁶The Lord *is* king for ever and ever: the nations are perished out of his land.

¹⁷Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

¹⁸To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

PSALM 11

To the chief musician, *a psalm* of David.

In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?

²For, lo, the wicked bend *their* bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

³If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

⁴The Lord *is* in his holy temple, the Lord's throne *is* in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

⁵The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

⁶Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup.

⁷For the righteous Lord loveth

righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

PSALM 12

To the chief musician upon Sheminith, a psalm of David.

¹Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fall from among the children of men.

²They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: *with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.*

³The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, *and the tongue that speaketh proud things:*

⁴Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: *who is lord over us?*

⁵For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord; I will set *him in safety from him that puffeth at him.*

⁶The words of the Lord *are* pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

⁷Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

⁸The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

PSALM 13

To the chief musician, a psalm of David.

¹How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

²How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *having* sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

³Consider *and* answer me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of death;*

⁴Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; *and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.*

⁵But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

⁶I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM 14

To the chief musician, a psalm of David.

The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God.* They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is none that doeth good.*

²The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and seek God.*

³They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

⁴Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as they eat bread,* and call not upon the Lord.

⁵There were they in great fear: for God *is* in the generation of the righteous.

⁶Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the Lord *is* his refuge.

⁷Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! when the Lord bringeth back the captivity

of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

PSALM 15

A psalm of David.

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

²He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

³*He that* slandereth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

⁴In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. *He that* sweareth to *his own* hurt, and changeth not.

⁵*He that* putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these *things* shall never be moved.

PSALM 16

Michtam of David.

Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

²Thou, *O my soul*, hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord, there is none above thee.

³As for the holy that are in the earth, and the excellent, all my delight is in them.

⁴Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that* hasten *after* another god: their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

⁵The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup:

thou maintainest my lot.

⁶The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

⁷I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

⁸I have set the Lord always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For thou wilt not commit my soul to the grave; neither wilt thou suffer thy pious one to see corruption.

¹¹Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

PSALM 17

A prayer of David.

Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, *that* goeth not out of feigned lips.

²Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes look upon that which is right.

³Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; thou hast tried me, and dost find nothing; I am purposed *that* my mouth shall not transgress.

⁴Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept *me from* the paths of the destroyer.

⁵Hold up my goings in thy

paths, *that* my footsteps slip not.

⁹I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, *and* hear my speech.

¹⁰Shew thy marvellous loving-kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them that put their trust in *thee* from those that rise up *against* them.

¹¹Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

¹²From the wicked that oppress me, *from* my deadly enemies, *who* compass me about.

¹³They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

¹⁴They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes to throw us down to the earth;

¹⁵Like as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

¹⁶Arise, O Lord, encounter him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, *by* thy sword:

¹⁷From men *by* thy hand, O Lord, from men of the world, *who* have their portion in *this* life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hidden *treasure*: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.

¹⁸As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

PSALM 18

To the chief musician, a *psalm* of David, the servant of the Lord, who spoke unto the Lord the words of *this* song in the day *that* the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: *And* he said,

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength.

²The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

³I will call upon the Lord, *who* is *worthy* to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

⁴The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

⁵The cords of Sheol compassed me about: the snares of death confronted me.

⁶In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.

⁷Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

⁸There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

⁹He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

¹⁰And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

¹²He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him *were* dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies.

¹³At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, hailstones and coals of fire.

¹⁴The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hailstones and coals of fire.

¹⁵Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

¹⁶Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were bared at thy rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

¹⁷He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

¹⁸He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me.

¹⁹They confronted me in the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my stay.

²⁰He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

²¹The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

²²For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

²³For all his judgments *were* before me, and I did not put

away his statutes from me.

²⁴I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

²⁵Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

²⁶With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

²⁷With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the forward thou wilt shew thyself forward.

²⁸For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.

²⁹For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will lighten my darkness.

³⁰For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

³¹As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

³²For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?

³³It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

³⁴He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places.

³⁵He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

³⁶Thou hast also given me the

shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

¹⁷Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.

¹⁸I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn back till they were consumed.

¹⁹I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

²⁰For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

²¹Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.

²²They cried, but *there was* none to save *them*: even unto the Lord, but he answered them not.

²³Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

²⁴Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the nations: a people *whom* I have not known shall serve me.

²⁵As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

²⁶The strangers shall fade away, and hasten with fear out of their close places.

²⁷The Lord liveth; and blessed be my Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

^a*It is* God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.

^bHe delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

^cTherefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises unto thy name.

^dGreat deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

PSALM 19

To the chief musician, a psalm of David.

^aThe heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

^bDay unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night declareth knowledge.

^c*There is* no speech nor language, *where* their voice is not heard.

^dTheir line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

^eWhich *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

^fHis going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hidden from the heat thereof.

^gThe law of the Lord *is* perfect,

restoring the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

⁹The statutes of the Lord *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.

¹⁰The fear of the Lord *is* pure, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord *are* true *and* righteous altogether.

¹¹More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

¹²Moreover by them is thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.

¹³Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

¹⁴Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

¹⁵Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

PSALM 20

To the chief musician, a psalm of David.

²The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee:

³Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;

⁴Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt-sacrifice; Selah.

⁵Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

⁶We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up *our* banners: the Lord fulfil all thy petitions.

⁷Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

⁸Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

⁹They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

¹⁰Save, Lord: let the king hear us when we call.

PSALM 21

To the chief musician, a psalm of David.

²The king shall joy in thy strength, O Lord; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

³Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.

⁴For thou meetest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

⁵He asked life of thee, *and* thou gavest it him, *even* length of days for ever and ever.

⁶His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

⁷For thou hast made him most

blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

⁹For the king trusteth in the Lord, and through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.

¹⁰Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

¹¹Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the Lord shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

¹²Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.

¹³For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform.

¹⁴Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them.

¹⁵Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

PSALM 22

To the chief musician upon Aljeleth-hashuhar, a psalm of David.

¹My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

²O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

³But thou art holy, O thou that

inhabitest the praises of Israel.

⁴Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

⁵They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

⁶But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

⁷All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

⁸He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

⁹But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

¹⁰I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.

¹¹Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

¹²Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

¹³They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs have compassed me:

the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: like a lion *they threaten* my hands and my feet.

¹⁸I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

¹⁹They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

²⁰But be not thou far from me, O Lord: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

²¹Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.

²²Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the wild oxen.

²³I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

²⁴Ye that fear the Lord, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

²⁵For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

²⁶My praise *shall be* of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

²⁷The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

²⁸All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the families of the nations shall worship before thee.

²⁹For the kingdom is the

Lord's: and he is the governor among the nations.

³⁰All *they that are* fat upon earth shall eat and worship: a they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.

³¹A seed shall serve him; i shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

³²They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done *this*.

PSALM 23

A psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

PSALM 24

A psalm of David.

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world,

and they that dwell therein.

²For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

³Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

⁵He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

⁷Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors: and the king of glory shall come in.

⁸Who is this king of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

⁹Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the king of glory shall come in.

¹⁰Who is this king of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Selah.

PSALM 25

A psalm of David.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

²O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

³Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed who transgress without cause.

⁴Shew me thy ways, O Lord;

teach me thy paths.

⁵Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

⁶Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

⁸Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

⁹The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

¹¹For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

¹²What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

¹³His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

¹⁴The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

¹⁵Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

¹⁶Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

¹⁷The troubles of my heart are

enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

¹⁸Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

¹⁹Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.

²⁰O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

²¹Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I hope in thee.

²²Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

PSALM 26

A psalm of David.

Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord; *therefore* I shall not slide.

²Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

³For thy loving-kindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.

⁴I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

⁵I have hated the congregation of evil-doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

⁶I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord:

⁷That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

⁸Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

⁹Gather not my soul with sin-

ners, nor my life with bloody men:

¹⁰In whose hands is mischief and their right hand is full of bribes.

¹¹But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

¹²My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the Lord.

PSALM 27

A psalm of David.

The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

³Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will* I be confident.

⁴One *thing* have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

⁶And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices

of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

⁷Hear, O Lord, *when* I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

⁸*When thou saidst*, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

⁹Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

¹¹Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

¹²Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

¹³*I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

¹⁴Hope in the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: hope in the Lord.

PSALM 28

A psalm of David.

Unto thee will I cry, O Lord my rock; be not silent to me: lest, *if* thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

²Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy sanctuary.

³Draw me not away with the

wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, who speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief *is* in their hearts.

⁴Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.

⁵Because they regard not the works of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

⁶Blessed *be* the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

⁷The Lord *is* my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

⁸The Lord *is* their strength, and he *is* the saving strength of his anointed.

⁹Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

PSALM 29

A psalm of David.

Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

²Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the Lord *is* upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the Lord *is* upon many waters.

⁴The voice of the Lord *is* power-

ful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

⁵The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars; yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the Lord causeth the oaks to start, and maketh the forests bare: and in his temple doth every one speak of *his* glory.

¹⁰The Lord sat at the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth king for ever.

¹¹The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

PSALM 30

A psalm and song at the dedication of the house of David.

¹I will extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

²O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

³O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

⁴Sing unto the Lord, O ye godly ones of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

⁵For his anger *endureth but a moment*; in his favour *is life*: weeping may endure for a night,

but joy *cometh* in the morning

⁶And in my prosperity I said I shall never be moved.

⁷Lord, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face *and* I was troubled.

⁸I cried to thee, O Lord; and unto the Lord I made supplication.

⁹What profit *is there* in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

¹⁰Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper.

¹¹Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

¹²To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent, O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

PSALM 31

To the chief musician, a psalm of David.

¹In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

²Bow down thine ear to me: deliver me speedily; be thou my strong rock, for a house of defence to save me.

³For thou *art* my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

⁴Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou *art* my strength.

⁵Into thine hand I commit my

spirit thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

⁷I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the Lord.

⁸I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

⁹And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.

¹⁰Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.

¹¹For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

¹²I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me.

¹³I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.

¹⁴For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

¹⁵But I trusted in thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my God.

¹⁶My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

¹⁷Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

¹⁸Let me not be ashamed, O Lord; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave.

¹⁹Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

²⁰Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

²¹Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the intrigues of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

²²Blessed be the Lord: for he hath shewn me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

²³For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

²⁴O love the Lord, all ye his godly ones: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

²⁵Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that wait for the Lord.

PSALM 32

A psalm of David, a Maschil.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

²Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

³When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

⁴For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

⁵I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hidden. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

⁶For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

⁷Thou *art* my hiding-place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

⁸I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

⁹Be ye not as the horse, *or* as the mule, *which* have no understanding: that must be held in with bit and bridle, their trappings, lest they come near unto thee.

¹⁰Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

¹¹Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright in heart.

PSALM 33

¹Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: *for* praise is comely for the upright.

²Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with the psalter; *and* an instrument of ten strings

³Sing unto him a new song: play skilfully with glad shouts.

⁴For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works *are done* in truth.

⁵He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

⁶By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

⁷He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

⁸Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

⁹For he *sopke*, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰The Lord bringeth the counsel of the nations to nought: he maketh the devices of the peoples of no effect.

¹¹The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

¹³The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

¹⁴From the place of his habi-

tation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

¹⁶He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

¹⁷There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

¹⁸A horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

¹⁹Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that wait for his mercy:

²⁰To deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.

²¹Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield.

²²For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

²³Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

PSALM 34

A psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech: who drove him away, and he departed.

¹I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

²My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

³O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

⁴I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

⁶This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

⁸O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

⁹O fear the Lord, ye his holy ones: for there is no want to them that fear him.

¹⁰The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

¹¹Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹²What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

¹³Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

¹⁴Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

¹⁵The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

¹⁶The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as are of a contrite spirit.

²⁰Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

²¹He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

²²Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

²³The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

PSALM 35

A psalm of David.

Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

²Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

³Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

⁴Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

⁵Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord chase them.

⁶Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the Lord persecute them.

⁷For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have dug for my soul.

⁸Let destruction come upon him

unawares; and let his net that he hath hidden catch himself into that very destruction let him fall.

⁹And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

¹⁰All my bones shall say, Lord who is like unto thee, who deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that despoileth him?

¹¹False witnesses did rise up, they question me concerning things that I knew not.

¹²They rewarded me evil for good to the bereaving of my soul.

¹³But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I afflicted my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

¹⁴I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

¹⁵But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not:

¹⁶With hypocritical mockery they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

¹⁷Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.

¹⁸I will give thee thanks in the

great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

¹⁹Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: *neither* let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

²⁰For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against *them that are* quiet in the land.

²¹Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, *and* said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

²²*This* thou hast seen, O Lord: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.

²³Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, *even* unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

²⁴Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

²⁵Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

²⁶Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify *themselves* against me.

²⁷Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, who hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

²⁸And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.

PSALM 36

To the chief musician, a *psalm* of David the servant of the Lord.

²The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, *that there is* no fear of God before his eyes.

³For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

⁴The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, *and* to do good.

⁵He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way *that is* not good; he abhorreth not evil.

⁶Thy mercy, O Lord, *is* in the heavens; *and* thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

⁷Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.

⁸How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

⁹They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

¹⁰For with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light shall we see light.

¹¹O continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

¹²Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand

of the wicked remove me.

¹³There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

PSALM 37

A psalm of David.

Fret not thyself because of evil-doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

²For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

³Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

⁴Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

⁵Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

⁶And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

⁷Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

⁸Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

⁹For evil-doers shall be cut off: but those that hope in the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

¹⁰For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

¹¹But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight them-

selves in the abundance of peace

¹²The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

¹³The Lord shall laugh at him for he seeth that his day is coming.

¹⁴The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as are of upright conduct.

¹⁵Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

¹⁶A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

¹⁷For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

¹⁸The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

¹⁹They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

²⁰But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

²¹The wicked borroweth, and payeth not back: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

²²For such as are blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that are cursed of him shall be cut off.

²³The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

¹⁶Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth *him with his hand*.

¹⁷I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

¹⁸*He is* ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed *is* blessed.

¹⁹Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

²⁰For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his holy ones; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

²¹The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

²²The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

²³The law of his God *is* in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

²⁴The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.

²⁵The Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

²⁶Hope in the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

²⁷I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green tree.

²⁸Yet he passed away, and, lo, he *was* not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

²⁹Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for the end of *that man is* peace.

³⁰But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

³¹But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the Lord: *he is* their strength in the time of trouble.

³²And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

PSALM 38

A psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

¹O Lord, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

²For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

³*There is* no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither *is there any* rest in my bones because of my sin.

⁴For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

⁵My wounds stink *and* are corrupt because of my foolishness.

⁶I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

⁷For my loins are filled with a loathsome *disease*: and *there is* no soundness in my flesh.

⁸I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

⁹Lord, all my desire *is* before

thee; and my groaning is not hidden from thee.

¹¹My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

¹²They that love me and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.

¹³They also that seek after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and devise deceits all the day long.

¹⁴But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.

¹⁵Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

¹⁶For in thee, O Lord, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

¹⁷For I said, *Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.*

¹⁸For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me.

¹⁹For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

²⁰But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

²¹They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that is good.

²²Forsake me not, O Lord: O my God, be not far from me.

²³Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

PSALM 39

To the chief musician, even to Jeduthun a psalm of David.

¹I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicket is before me.

²I was dumb with silence, held my peace, even from good and my sorrow was stirred.

³My heart was hot within me while I was musing the fire burned: then spoke I with my tongue,

⁴Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days: what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

⁵Behold, thou hast made my days as a handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily as nothing but vanity doth every man stand here. Selah.

⁶Surely every man walketh in a shadow: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

⁷And now, Lord, what wait for? my hope is in thee.

⁸Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

⁹I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.

¹⁰Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

¹¹When thou with rebukes dost

correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah.

¹³Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

¹⁴Look away from me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

PSALM 40

To the chief musician, a psalm of David.

¹I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

²He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

³And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

⁴Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

⁵Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts toward us: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

⁶Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required.

⁷Then said I, Lo, I come: in

the volume of the book it is written of me,

⁸I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

⁹I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.

¹⁰I have not hidden thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

¹¹Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

¹²For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

¹³Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haste to help me.

¹⁴Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

¹⁵Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.

¹⁶Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

¹⁷But I am poor and needy; yet

the Lord thinketh of me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

PSALM 41

To the chief musician, a psalm of David.

¹Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

²The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; *and* he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

³The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

⁴I said, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

⁵Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?

⁶And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; *when* he goeth abroad, he telleth *it*.

⁷All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

⁸An evil thing, *say they*, cleaveth fast unto him: and *now* that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

⁹Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, who did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against me.

¹¹But thou, O Lord, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

¹²By this I know that thou

favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

¹³And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.

¹⁴Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

SECOND BOOK

PSALM 42

To the chief musician, a Maschil, for the sons of Korah.

²As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

³My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

⁴My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

⁵When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul in me: how I went with the multitude, I wandered with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

⁶Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and *why* art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him *for* the help of his countenance.

⁷O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of the Jordan, and from the peaks of Hermon, from the hill Mizar.

⁸Deep calleth unto deep at the

noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

⁹Yet the Lord will command his loving-kindness in the day-time, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

¹⁰I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

¹¹As with slaughter in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

¹²Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM 43

¹Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

²For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

³O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

⁴Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

⁵Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God:

for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM 44

To the chief musician, for the sons of Korah, a Maschil.

¹We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

²How thou didst drive out the nations with thy hand, but them thou plantedst; how thou didst afflict the peoples, but them thou spreadest out.

³For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

⁴Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

⁵Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

⁶For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

⁷But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

⁸In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

⁹But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

¹⁰Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they that

hate us spoil for themselves.

¹²Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the nations.

¹³Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase *thy wealth* by their price.

¹⁴Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

¹⁵Thou makest us a byword among the nations, a shaking of the head among the peoples.

¹⁶My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me.

¹⁷For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

¹⁸All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

¹⁹Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way;

²⁰Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

²¹If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

²²Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

²³Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

²⁴Awake, why sleepest thou, O

Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.

²⁵Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

²⁶For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

²⁷Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

PSALM 45

To the chief musician upon Shoshannim for the sons of Korah, a Maschil, a song of love.

²My heart overfloweth with a good thing: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

³Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

⁴Gird thy sword upon *thy thigh*, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

⁵And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

⁶Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the peoples fall under thee.

⁷Thy throne, which is of God, shall stand for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

⁸Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with

the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

⁹All thy garments *smell* of myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

¹⁰Kings' daughters *were* among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

¹¹Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

¹²So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he *is* thy lord; and do thou homage to him.

¹³And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift; *even* the rich among the people shall entreat thy favour.

¹⁴The king's daughter *is* all glorious within: her clothing *is* of wrought gold.

¹⁵She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

¹⁶With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

¹⁷Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

¹⁸I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

PSALM 48

To the chief musician, for the sons of Korah, a song upon Alamoth.

¹God *is* our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be changed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

³*Though* the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake before his majesty. Selah.

⁴*There is* a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the Most High.

⁵God *is* in the midst of it; it shall not be moved: God shall help it, *and that* right early.

⁶The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

⁷The Lord of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

⁸Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

⁹He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear asunder; he burneth the chariots in the fire.

¹⁰Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

¹¹The Lord of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

PSALM 47

To the chief musician, a psalm for the sons of Korah.

¹O clap your hands, all ye peoples; shout unto God with the

voice of triumph.

³For the Lord most high is terrible; *he is* a great king over all the earth.

⁴He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

⁵He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

⁶God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

⁷Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our king, sing praises.

⁸For God is king of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

⁹God reigneth over the nations: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

¹⁰The princes of the people are gathered together, *even* the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth *belong* unto God: he is greatly exalted.

PSALM 48

A song and psalm for the sons of Korah.

²Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holiness.

³Beautiful in height, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great king.

⁴God is known in her palaces for a tower of strength.

⁵For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

⁶They saw *it*, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hastened away.

⁷Fear took hold upon them there, *and* pain, *as* of a woman in travail.

⁸Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

⁹As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord our hosts, in the city of our God God will establish it for ever Selah.

¹⁰We have thought of thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

¹¹According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

¹²Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad because of thy judgments.

¹³Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof

¹⁴Mark ye well her bulwarks consider her palaces; that ye may tell *it* to the generation following

¹⁵For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide *even* unto death.

PSALM 49

To the chief musician, a psalm for the sons of Korah.

²Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:

³Both low and high, rich and poor, together.

⁴My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart *shall be* of understanding

¹I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

²Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, *when* the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

³They that trust in their wealth, and boast of the multitude of their riches;

⁴None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

⁵(For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)

⁶That he should still live for ever, *and* not see corruption.

⁷For he seeth *that* wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

⁸Their inward thought is, *that* their houses shall continue for ever, *and* their dwelling-places to all generations; they call *their* lands after their own names.

⁹Nevertheless man *being* in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts *that* perish.

¹⁰This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.

¹¹Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their form shall waste away because of the grave having become their dwelling.

¹²But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave;

for he shall receive me. Selah.

¹³Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

¹⁴For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

¹⁵Though while he lived he blessed his soul, and *men* will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself,

¹⁶He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

¹⁷Man *that is* in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts *that* perish.

PSALM 50

A psalm of Asaph.

The mighty God, *even* the Lord, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

³Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

⁴He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, *that* he may judge his people.

⁵Gather my holy ones together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

⁶And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

⁷Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify

against thee: *I am God, even thy God.*

⁸I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt-offerings, *to have been continually before me.*

⁹I will take no bullock out of thy house, *nor he-goats out of thy folds.*

¹⁰For every beast of the forest *is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.*

¹¹I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field *are mine.*

¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world *is mine, and the fulness thereof.*

¹³Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

¹⁵And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

¹⁶But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or *that thou shouldst take my covenant in thy mouth?*

¹⁷Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.

¹⁸When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

¹⁹Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

²⁰Thou sittest *and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.*

²¹These *things* hast thou done and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether *such one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.*

²²Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear *you* pieces, and *there be none to deliver.*

²³Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conduct *aright* will I show the salvation of God.

PSALM 51

To the chief musician, a psalm of David.
²When Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.

³Have mercy upon me, O God according to thy loving-kindness according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

⁴Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

⁵For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

⁶Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

⁷Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

⁸Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me know wisdom.

⁹Purge me with hyssop, and

shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

¹⁰Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

¹¹Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

¹²Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

¹³Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

¹⁴Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

¹⁵Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

¹⁶Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

¹⁷O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall herald forth thy praise.

¹⁸For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

¹⁹The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

²⁰Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

²¹Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

PSALM 52

To the chief musician, a Maschil of David. ¹When Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech.

²Why boastest thou thyself of wickedness, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually.

³Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

⁴Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.

⁵Thou lovest all words of evil, the deceitful tongue.

⁶God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling-place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

⁷The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:

⁸Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

⁹But I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

¹⁰I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will hope in thy name; for it is good before thy holy ones.

PSALM 53

To the chief musician upon Mahalath, a Maschil of David.

¹The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable

iniquity: *there is* none that doeth good.

³God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek God.

⁴Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.

⁵Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

⁶There were they in great fear, *where* no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth *against* thee: thou hast put *them* to shame, because God hath despised them.

⁷Oh that the salvation of Israel *were* come out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

PSALM 54

To the chief musician on Neginoth, a Maschil of David. ²When the Ziphites came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

³Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

⁴Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

⁵For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

⁶Behold, God *is* mine helper: the Lord *is* with them that uphold my soul.

⁷He shall reward evil unto mine

enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

⁸I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O Lord; for *it is* good.

⁹For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen *his desire* upon mine enemies.

PSALM 55

To the chief musician on Neginoth, a Maschil of David.

²Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

³Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

⁴Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

⁵My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

⁶Fearlessness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

⁷And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! *for then* would I fly away, and be at rest.

⁸Lo, *then* would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah.

⁹I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

¹⁰Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

¹¹Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mis-

chief also and sorrow *are* in the midst of it.

¹⁵Wickedness *is* in the midst thereof; deceit and guile depart not from its streets.

¹⁶For *it was* not an enemy *that* reproached me; then I could have borne *it*: neither *was it* he that hated me *that* did magnify *himself* against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

¹⁷But *it was* thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.

¹⁸We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in a noisy crowd.

¹⁹Let death seize upon them, and let them go down alive into the grave: for wickedness *is* in their dwellings, and among them.

²⁰As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me.

²¹Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

²²He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me: for there were many with me.

²³God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

²⁴He hath put forth his hands against such as are at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant.

²⁵The *words* of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war *was* in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet *were* they drawn swords.

²⁶Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

²⁷But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

PSALM 56

To the chief musician upon Jonath-elem-rechokim, a Michtam of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath.

¹Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.

²Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for *they are* many that fight against me, O thou Most High.

³The day I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

⁴In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

⁵Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts *are* against me for evil.

⁶They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

⁷Shall they escape by iniquity? in *thine* anger cast down the people, O God.

⁸Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: *are they* not in thy book?

⁹When I cry *unto thee*, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God *is* for me.

¹⁰In God will I praise *his* word:

in the Lord will I praise *his* word.

¹²In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

¹³Thy vows *are* upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

¹⁴For thou hast delivered my soul from death: *wilt* not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

PSALM 57

To the chief musician, Al-tashcheth, a Michtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

¹Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until *these* calamities be overpast.

²I will cry unto God Most High; unto God that performeth *all* things for me.

³He shall send from heaven, and save me *from* the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

⁴My soul *is* among lions: *and* I lie *even* among them that are set on fire, *even* the sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears and arrows, and their tongues a sharp sword.

⁵Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; *let* thy glory be above all the earth.

⁶They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul *is* bowed down: they have dug a pit before me,

into the midst whereof they are fallen *themselves*. Selah.

⁷My heart *is* fixed, O God, my heart *is* fixed: I will sing and give praise.

⁸Awake my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.

⁹I will praise thee, O Lord, among the peoples: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

¹⁰For thy mercy *is* great unto the heavens, and *thy* truth unto the clouds.

¹¹Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let* thy glory be above all the earth.

PSALM 58

To the chief musician, Al-tashcheth, a Michtam of David.

¹Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? Do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

²Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

³The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.

⁴Their poison *is* like the poison of a serpent: *they* *are* like the deaf adder *that* stoppeth her ear;

⁵Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

⁶Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Lord.

⁷Let them melt away as waters *which* run continually: *when* he

bendeth *his bow to shoot his arrows*, let them be as cut in pieces.

⁹As a snail *which melteth*, let every one of them pass away: like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see the sun.

¹⁰Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, while yet raw, hardly warmed.

¹¹The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

¹²So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* a reward for the righteous: verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth.

PSALM 59

To the chief musician, Al-tashcheth, a Michtam of David: when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

¹Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

²Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

³For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Lord.

⁴They run and prepare themselves without *my fault*; awake to help me, and behold.

⁵Thou therefore, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the nations: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

⁶They return at evening: *they*

make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

⁷Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, *say they*, doth hear?

⁸But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the nations in derision.

⁹Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God *is my defence*.

¹⁰The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see *my desire* upon mine enemies.

¹¹Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

¹²For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying *which they speak*.

¹³Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them*, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.

¹⁴And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

¹⁵Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

¹⁶But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

¹⁷Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God *is my defence*,

and the God of my mercy.

PSALM 60

To the chief musician upon Shushaneduth, a Michtam of David, to teach: When he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the Valley of Salt twelve thousand.

¹O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast broken us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.

²Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

³Thou hast shewn thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of intoxication.

⁴Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

⁵That thy beloved may be delivered; save *with* thy right hand, and hear me.

⁶God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

⁷Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver;

⁸Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me.

⁹Who will bring me *into* the strong city? who will lead me *into* Edom?

¹⁰Wilt not thou, O God, *who* hadst cast us off? and *thou*, O

God, *who* didst not go out with our armies?

¹¹Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

¹²Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 61

To the chief musician upon Neginah, a psalm of David.

¹Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

²From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I.

³For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower against the enemy.

⁴I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

⁵For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.

⁶Thou wilt prolong the king's life: *and* his years as many generations.

⁷He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him.

⁸So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

PSALM 62

To the chief musician, to Jeduthun, a psalm of David.

¹Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him *cometh* my salvation.

¹He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *he is* my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

⁴How long will ye devise mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.

⁵They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.

⁶My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation *is* from him.

⁷He only *is* my rock and my salvation: *he is* my defence; I shall not be moved.

⁸In God *is* my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, *is* in God.

⁹Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

¹⁰Surely men of low degree *are* vanity, and men of high degree *are* a lie: to be laid in the balance, they *are* altogether *lighter* than vanity.

¹¹Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

¹²God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power *belongeth* unto God.

¹³Also unto thee, O Lord, *belongeth* mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

PSALM 63

A psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

²O God, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

³To see thy power and thy glory, so *as* I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

⁴Because thy loving-kindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

⁵Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

⁶My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

⁷When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the *night* watches.

⁸Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

⁹My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

¹⁰But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

¹¹They shall be thrust down by the sword: they shall be a portion for jackals.

¹²But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

PSALM 64

To the chief musician, a psalm of David.

¹Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

²Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity; ³Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:

⁴That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

⁵They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them?

⁶They search iniquities; we have accomplished, say they, a diligent search: and the inward thought of every one, and the heart, is deep.

⁷But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded.

⁸So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.

⁹And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.

¹⁰The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

PSALM 65

To the chief musician, a psalm and song of David.

¹Praise waiteth for thee, O

God, in Zion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

²O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

³Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

⁴Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

⁵By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

⁶Who by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:

⁷Who stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

⁸They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

⁹Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

¹⁰Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

¹¹Thou crownest the year with

thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

¹³They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness; and the little hills rejoice on every side.

¹⁴The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM 66

To the chief musician, a song or psalm.

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

²Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

³Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

⁴All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah.

⁵Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

⁶He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

⁷He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

⁸O bless our God, ye peoples, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

⁹Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

¹⁰For thou, O God, hast proved

us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

¹¹Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

¹²Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

¹³I will go into thy house with burnt-offerings: I will pay thee my vows,

¹⁴Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

¹⁵I will offer unto thee burnt-sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.

¹⁶Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

¹⁷I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

¹⁸If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

¹⁹But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

²⁰Blessed be God, who hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

PSALM 67

To the chief musician on Neginoth, a psalm or song.

²God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.

³That thy way may be known upon earth, thy salvation among all nations.

¹Let the peoples praise thee, O God; let all the peoples praise thee.

²O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the peoples righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

³Let the peoples praise thee, O God; let all the peoples praise thee.

⁴Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, *even* our own God, shall bless us.

⁵God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

PSALM 68

To the chief musician, a psalm or song of David.

¹Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

²As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

⁴Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name Jah, and rejoice before him.

⁵A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

⁶God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out the prisoners into prosperity: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

⁷O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when

thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah:

⁸The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: *even* Sinai itself *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

¹⁰Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

¹¹The Lord gave the word: great *was* the company of those that published it.

¹²Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

¹³When ye lie among the sheepfolds, *ye are as* the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

¹⁴When the Almighty scattered kings therein, it was as a snow-drift in Zalmon.

¹⁵The hill of God *is as* the hill of Bashan; a high hill *as* the hill of Bashan.

¹⁶Why leap ye, ye high hills? *this is* the hill *which* God desireth to dwell in; yea, the Lord will dwell *in it* for ever.

¹⁷The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, *even* thousands upon thousands: the Lord *is among* them, *as* in Sinai, in the holy place.

¹⁸Thou hast ascended on high: thou hast led captivity captive:

thou hast received gifts among men, yea, even among the rebellious, that the Lord God might dwell *among them*.

²⁰Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us *with benefits*, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

²¹*He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.*

²²But God shall wound the head of his enemies, *and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his trespasses.*

²³The Lord said, I will bring back from Bashan, I will bring *my people* back from the depths of the sea:

²⁴That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of *thine* enemies, *and the tongue of thy dogs in the same.*

²⁵They have seen thy goings, O God; *even the goings of my God, my king, in the sanctuary.*

²⁶The singers went before, the players on instruments *followed after; among them were the dam-sels playing with timbrels.*

²⁷Bless ye God in the congregations, *even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.*

²⁸There is little Benjamin their ruler, the princes of Judah *and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naph-tali.*

²⁹Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

³⁰Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee.

³¹Rebuke the beast of the reeds, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the peoples, *till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the peoples that delight in war.*

³²Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

³³Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; Selah:

³⁴To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, *which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.*

³⁵Ascribe yestrength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the skies.

³⁶O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto *his* people. Blessed be God.

PSALM 69

To the chief musician upon Shoshannim, a psalm of David.

¹Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto *my* soul.

²I sink in deep mire, where *there is* no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

³I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

⁴They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, *being* mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I

restored *that* which I took not away.

⁹O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.

¹¹Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

⁸Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.

⁹I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

¹⁰For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

¹¹When I wept, *and chastened* my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.

¹²I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them.

¹³They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.

¹⁴But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, *in* an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

¹⁵Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

¹⁶Let not the flood of water overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut its mouth upon me.

¹⁷Answer me, O Lord: for thy

loving-kindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

¹⁸And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: answer me speedily.

¹⁹Draw nigh unto my soul, *and* redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

²⁰Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries *are* all before thee.

²¹Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am sick: and I looked *for some* to take pity, but *there were* none; and for comforters, but I found none.

²²They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

²³Let their table become a snare before them: and *that which should have been for their welfare, let it become* a trap.

²⁴Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.

²⁵Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

²⁶Let their habitation be desolate; *and* let none dwell in their tents.

²⁷For they persecute *him* whom thou hast smitten; and they tell of the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.

²⁸Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.

²⁹Let them be blotted out of

the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

⁴⁰But I *am* poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

⁴¹I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

⁴²*This* also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

⁴³The humble shall see *this*, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

⁴⁴For the Lord heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

⁴⁵Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.

⁴⁶For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.

⁴⁷The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

PSALM 70

To the chief musician, a *psalm* of David, to bring to remembrance.

¹*Make haste*, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

²Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

³Let them be turned back because of their shame that say, Aha, aha.

⁴Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and

let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

⁵But I *am* poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.

PSALM 71

¹In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

²Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

³Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

⁴Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

⁵For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth.

⁶By thee have I been held up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of thee.

⁷I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge.

⁸Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day.

⁹Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

¹⁰For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,

¹¹Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for *there is none to deliver him.*

¹²O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

¹³Let them be confounded *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

¹⁴But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

¹⁵My mouth shall tell thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers *thereof.*

¹⁶I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.

¹⁷O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

¹⁸Now also when I am old and grey-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewn thy strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come.

¹⁹Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

²⁰*Thou*, who hast shewn me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

²¹Thou shalt increase my *greatness*, and comfort me on every side.

²²I will also praise thee with the psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou holy one of Israel.

²³My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

²⁴My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

PSALM 72

A psalm for Solomon.

Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

²He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

³The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the hills, by righteousness.

⁴He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

⁵They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

⁶He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers *that* water the earth.

⁷In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

⁸He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

⁹They *that* dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and

his enemies shall lick the dust.

¹⁰The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

¹¹Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

¹²For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

¹³He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

¹⁴He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

¹⁵And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

¹⁶There shall be an abundance of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

¹⁷His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

¹⁸Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

¹⁹And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

²⁰The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

THIRD BOOK

PSALM 73

A psalm of Asaph.

Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.

²But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

³For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm.

⁵They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men.

⁶Therefore pride is as a neck-chain about them; violence covereth them as a garment.

⁷Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than the heart could wish.

⁸They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily.

⁹They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

¹⁰Therefore his people return hither: and abundant water is wrung out to them.

¹¹And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the Most High?

¹²Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

¹³Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

¹⁴For all the day long have I

been plagued, and chastened every morning.

¹⁵If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.

¹⁶When I thought to know this, it *was* too painful for me;

¹⁷Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* understood I their end.

¹⁸Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

¹⁹How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

²⁰As a dream when *one* awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

²¹Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

²²So foolish *was* I, and ignorant; I was *as* a beast before thee.

²³Nevertheless I *am* continually with thee: thou hast held *me* by my right hand.

²⁴Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

²⁵Whom have I in heaven *but* thee? and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire besides thee.

²⁶My flesh and my heart fail: *but* God *is* the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

²⁷For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go astray from thee.

²⁸But it *is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

PSALM 74

Maschil of Asaph.

O God, why hast thou cast *us* off for ever? *why* doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

²Remember thy congregation, *which* thou hast purchased of old, which thou hast redeemed as the tribe of thine inheritance; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

³Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; *even* all *that* the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

⁴Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy places of assembly; they set up their ensigns *for* signs.

⁵He seemed as one who lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

⁶But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.

⁷They have set thy sanctuary on fire, they have desecrated the dwelling-place of thy name to the ground.

⁸They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them altogether: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

⁹We see not our signs: *there is* no more any prophet: *neither is* there among us any one that knoweth how long.

¹⁰O God, how long shall the

adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

¹¹Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck it out of thy bosom.

¹²For God is my king of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

¹³Thou didst divide the sea with thy strength: thou brokest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

¹⁴Thou brokest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

¹⁵Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers.

¹⁶The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

¹⁷Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

¹⁸Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O Lord, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

¹⁹O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

²⁰Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

²¹O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

²²Arise, O God, plead thine own

cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

²³Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee goeth up continually.

PSALM 75

To the chief musician, Al-tashcheth, a psalm or song of Asaph.

¹Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks, for thy name is near: men declare thy wondrous works.

²When I shall set the time, I will judge uprightly.

³The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

⁴I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

⁵Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck.

⁶For neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south cometh lifting up.

⁷But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and lifteth up another.

⁸For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.

⁹But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

¹⁰All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off: but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM 76

To the chief musician on Negloth, a psalm or song of Asaph.

¹In Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel.

²In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling-place in Zion.

³There broke he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.

⁴Thou *art* more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey.

⁵The stout-hearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.

⁶At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

⁷Thou, *even* thou, *art* to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

⁸Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,

⁹When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

¹⁰Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

¹¹Vow, and pay unto the Lord God: let all that are round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

¹²He shall cut off the spirit of princes: *he* is terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

To the chief musician, to Jeduthun, a psalm of Asaph.

¹I cried unto God with my voice, *even* unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

²In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my hand was stretched out in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

³I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

⁴Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

⁵I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

⁶I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

⁷Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?

⁸Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth *his* promise fail for evermore?

⁹Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

¹⁰And I said, This *is* my infirmity: *but I will remember* the years of the right hand of the Most High.

¹¹I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

¹²I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

¹⁴Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary: *who is so great a God as our God?*

¹⁵Thou *art* the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

¹⁶Thou hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

¹⁷The waters saw thee, O God: the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

¹⁸The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

¹⁹The voice of thy thunder *was* in the whirlwind: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

²⁰Thy way *is* in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

²¹Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM 78

Maschil of Asaph.

Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

³Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

⁴We will not hide *them* from their children, declaring to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and

his wonderful works that he hath done.

⁵For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

⁶That the generation to come might know *them*, *even* the children *that* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children:

⁷That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

⁸And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation *that* set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

⁹The children of Ephraim, *being* armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.

¹⁰They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;

¹¹And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewn them.

¹²Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan.

¹³He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as a heap.

¹⁴In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

¹⁵He clove the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as out of the great depths.

¹⁶He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

¹⁷And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the Most High in the wilderness.

¹⁸And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

¹⁹Yea, they spoke against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

²⁰Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

²¹Therefore the Lord beard *this*, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;

²²Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

²³Though he had commanded the skies from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

²⁵Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

²⁶He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.

²⁷He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:

²⁸And he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.

²⁹So they did eat, and were well

filled: for he gave them their own desire;

³⁰They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat *was* yet in their mouths,

³¹The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen *men* of Israel.

³²For all this they sinned still, and believed not in his wondrous works.

³³Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.

³⁴When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and inquired early after God.

³⁵And they remembered that God *was* their rock, and the high God their redeemer.

³⁶Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.

³⁷For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in his covenant.

³⁸But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not: yea, *many* a time turned he his anger *away*, and did not stir up all his *wrath*.

³⁹For he remembered that they *were* but flesh; a wind that *passeth* away, and cometh not *again*.

⁴⁰How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert!

⁴¹Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and grieved the Holy One of Israel.

⁴²They remembered not his

hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.

⁴⁶How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan:

⁴⁷And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink.

⁴⁸He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.

⁴⁹He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust.

⁵⁰He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore-trees with frost.

⁵¹He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

⁵²He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.

⁵³He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;

⁵⁴And smote all the first-born in Egypt; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham:

⁵⁵But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

⁵⁶And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea covered their enemies.

⁵⁷And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, even to

this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.

⁵⁸He cast out the nations also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

⁵⁹Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:

⁶⁰But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

⁶¹For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

⁶²When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:

⁶³So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men;

⁶⁴And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.

⁶⁵He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

⁶⁶The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given in marriage.

⁶⁷Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

⁶⁸Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

⁶⁹And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

⁶⁷Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

⁶⁸But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.

⁶⁹And he built his sanctuary like high *palaces*, like the earth which he hath established for ever.

⁷⁰He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

⁷¹From following the ewes, with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

⁷²So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

PSALM 79

A psalm of Asaph.

O God, the nations are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

²The dead bodies of thy servants have they given *to be* meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy holy ones unto the beasts of the earth.

³Their blood have they shed like water about Jerusalem; and *there was* none to bury them.

⁴We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

⁵How long, Lord? wilt thou be angry for ever? all thy jealousy burn like fire?

⁶Pour out thy wrath upon the

nations that have not known thee and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

⁷For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his dwelling-place.

⁸O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low.

⁹Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

¹⁰Wherefore should the nation say, Where is their God? let him be known among the nations in our sight *by* the revenging of the blood of thy servants *which is* shed.

¹¹Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die;

¹²And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

¹³So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will tell of thy praise to all generations.

PSALM 80

To the chief musician upon Shoshannim-Eduth, a psalm of Asaph.

²Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubim, shine forth.

³Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come *and* save us.

⁷Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

⁸O Lord God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

⁹Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure.

¹⁰Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

¹¹Restore us, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

¹²Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the nations, and planted it.

¹³Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

¹⁴The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the mighty cedars.

¹⁵It sent out its boughs unto the sea, and its branches unto the river.

¹⁶Why hast thou then broken down its hedges, so that all they that pass by the way do pluck it?

¹⁷The boar out of the wood doth ravage it, and the wild beast of the field doth feed on it.

¹⁸Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

¹⁹And the plant which thy right hand hath set, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.

¹⁷It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

¹⁸Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.

¹⁹So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

²⁰Restore us, O Lord God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

PSALM 81

To the chief musician upon Gittith, a psalm of Asaph.

¹Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

²Take up a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

³Blow the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

⁴For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

⁵This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not.

⁶I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.

⁷Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

⁸Hear, O my people, and I will

testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;

¹⁰There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

¹¹I *am* the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

¹²But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

¹³So I gave them up unto the caprice of their heart: *and* they walked in their own counsels.

¹⁴Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, *and* Israel had walked in my ways!

¹⁵I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

¹⁶The haters of the Lord should have submitted themselves unto him: but their *prosperous* time should have endured for ever.

¹⁷He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

PSALM 82

A psalm of Asaph.

God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

²How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

³Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

⁴Deliver the poor and needy:

rid *them* out of the land of the wicked.

⁵They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are moved.

⁶I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all of you *are* children of the Most High.

⁷But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

⁸Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

PSALM 83

A song or psalm of Asaph.

²Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

³For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

⁴They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

⁵They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from *being* a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

⁶For they have consulted together with one consent: they make a covenant against thee:

⁷The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

⁸Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;

⁹Asshur also is joined with them: they have helped the children of Lot. Selah.

¹⁰Do unto them as *unto* the Midianites; as *to* Sisera, as *to*

Jabin, at the brook of Kishon;

¹¹Who perished at En-dor; they became as dung for the earth.

¹²Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zal-munna:

¹³Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

¹⁴O my God, make them like a whirl; as the stubble before the wind.

¹⁵As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;

¹⁶So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.

¹⁷Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O Lord.

¹⁸Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:

¹⁹That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

PSALM 84

To the chief musician upon Gittith, a psalm for the sons of Korah.

²How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

³My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

⁴Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O

Lord of hosts, my king, and my God.

⁵Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

⁶Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are thy ways.

⁷Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain covereth it with blessings.

⁸They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

⁹O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

¹⁰Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

¹¹For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

¹²For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

¹³O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

PSALM 85

To the chief musician, a psalm for the sons of Korah.

²Lord, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

³Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

⁴Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of thine anger.

⁵Return, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

⁶Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

⁷Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

⁸Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

⁹I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his pious ones: but let them not turn again to folly.

¹⁰Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

¹¹Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*.

¹²Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹³Yea, the Lord shall give *that which is good*; and our land shall yield her increase.

¹⁴Righteousness shall go before him and shall set his steps on the way.

PSALM 86

A prayer of David.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I *am* poor and needy.

²Preserve my soul; for I *am* godly: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

³Be merciful unto me, O Lord for I cry unto thee daily.

⁴Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

⁵For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

⁶Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

⁷In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

⁸Among the gods *there is none* like unto thee, O Lord; neither *are there any works* like unto thy works.

⁹All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

¹⁰For thou *art* great, and doest wondrous things: thou *art* God alone.

¹¹Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

¹²I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

¹³For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

¹⁴O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent *men* have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.

¹⁵But thou, O Lord, *art* a God

full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

¹⁶O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

¹⁷Shew me a token for good; that they that hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast helped me, and comforted me.

PSALM 87

A psalm or song for the sons of Korah.

His foundation is in the holy mountains.

²The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

³Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

⁴I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.

⁵And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in it: and the Most High himself shall establish it.

⁶The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the peoples, *that* this man was born there. Selah.

⁷As well the singers as the players on instruments *shall say*, All my thoughts are of thee.

PSALM 88

A song or psalm for the sons of Korah, to the chief musician upon Mahalath Leannoth, Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.

²O Lord God of my salvation,

I have cried day and night before thee:

³Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

⁴For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

⁵I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man *that hath* no strength:

⁶Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand.

⁷Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the depths.

⁸Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Selah.

⁹Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: *I am* shut up, and I cannot come forth

¹⁰Mine eye languisheth by reason of affliction: Lord, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

¹¹Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise *and* praise thee? Selah.

¹²Shall thy loving-kindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in the place of destruction?

¹³Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

¹⁴But unto thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer go before thee.

¹⁵Lord, why castest thou off my soul? *why* hidest thou thy face from me?

¹⁶I *am* afflicted and ready to die from *my* youth up: *while* I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

¹⁷Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.

¹⁸They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.

¹⁹Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance into darkness.

PSALM 89

Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

²I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

³For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

⁴I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,

⁵Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.

⁶And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the holy ones.

⁷For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord? *who* among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord?

⁸God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the holy ones, and to be had in reverence of all *them that are* about him.

⁹O Lord God of hosts, who is a mighty Lord like unto thee? *an* thy faithfulness is round about thee.

¹⁰Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

¹¹Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.

¹²The heavens *are* thine, the earth also is thine: *as for* the world and the fulness thereof thou hast founded them.

¹³The north and the south, thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

¹⁴Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, *and* high is thy right hand.

¹⁵Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

¹⁶Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

¹⁷In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

¹⁸For thou *art* the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

¹⁹For in the Lord is our defence, and in the Holy One of Israel our king.

²⁰Then thou spokest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon *one that is*

mighty; I have exalted *one* chosen out of the people.

²¹I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:

²²With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

²³The enemy shall not exact from him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

²⁴And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

²⁵But my faithfulness and my mercy *shall be* with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

²⁶I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

²⁷He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

²⁸Also I will make him *my* first-born, higher than the kings of the earth.

²⁹My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

³⁰His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

³¹If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments:

³²If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

³³Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

³⁴Nevertheless my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from

him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

³⁵My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

³⁶Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.

³⁷His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

³⁸It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

³⁹But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

⁴⁰Thou hast broken the covenant of thy servant; thou hast profaned his crown *by casting it* to the ground.

⁴¹Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.

⁴²All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.

⁴³Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

⁴⁴Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

⁴⁵Thou hast made his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.

⁴⁶The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. Selah.

⁴⁷How long, Lord? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire?

⁴⁸Remember how short my time

is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

⁴⁹What man is *he* that liveth, and shall not see death? that shall deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

⁵⁰Lord, where *are* thy former loving-kindnesses, *which* thou didst swear unto David in thy truth?

⁵¹Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants; *how* I do bear in my bosom *the reproach* of all the many peoples;

⁵²Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O Lord; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

⁵³Blessed *be* the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

FOURTH BOOK

PSALM 90

A prayer of Moses the man of God.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

³Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

⁴For a thousand years in thy sight *are but* as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.

⁵Thou carriest them away *as* with a flood; they are *as* a sleep:

in the morning *they are* like grass *which* groweth up.

⁶In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

⁷For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

⁸Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret *sins* in the light of thy countenance.

⁹For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a thought.

¹⁰The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their pride labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

¹¹Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, *so is* thy wrath.

¹²So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

¹³Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

¹⁴O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad according to the days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, *and* the years *wherein* we have seen evil.

¹⁶Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

¹⁷And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands

upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSALM 91

¹He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

²I will say of the Lord, *He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*

³Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and from the destructive pestilence.*

⁴He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou find shelter; his truth *shall be thy shield and buckler.*

⁵Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night; *nor of the arrow that flieth by day;*

⁶*Nor of the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor of the destruction that wasteth at noon-day.*

⁷A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but it shall not come nigh thee.*

⁸Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

⁹Because thou hast made the Lord, *who is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation;*

¹⁰There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

¹¹For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

¹²They shall bear thee up in

their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

¹³Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

¹⁴Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.*

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

PSALM 92

A psalm or song for the sabbath day.

¹*It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:*

²To shew forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,

³Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.

⁴For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

⁵O Lord, how great are thy works! *and thy thoughts are very deep.*

⁶A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

⁷When the wicked spring *as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that*

they shall be destroyed for ever:

²But thou, Lord, *art* most high for evermore.

¹⁰For, lo, thine enemies, O Lord, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

¹¹But my horn shalt thou exalt like the *horn* of a wild ox: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

¹²Mine eye also shall see *my desire* on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear *my desire* of the wicked that rise up against me.

¹³The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

¹⁴Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁵They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

¹⁶To shew that the Lord *is* upright: *he is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in him.

PSALM 93

¹The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, *wherewith* he hath girded himself: the world also is established, that it cannot be moved.

²Thy throne *is* established of old: thou *art* from everlasting.

³The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

⁴The Lord on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters,

yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

⁵Thy testimonies are very sure holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.

PSALM 94

¹O Lord God of vengeance, O God of vengeance, shine forth.

²Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

³Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

⁴*How long* shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

⁵They break in pieces thy people, O Lord, and afflict thine heritage.

⁶They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

⁷Yet they say, The Lord shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

⁸Understand, ye brutish among the people: and *ye* fools, when will ye be wise?

⁹He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

¹⁰He that chastiseth the nations shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, *shall not he know?*

¹¹The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they *are* vanity.

¹²Blessed *is* the man whom

thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law;

¹³That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be dug for the wicked.

¹⁴For the Lord will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

¹⁵But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

¹⁶Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

¹⁷Unless the Lord *had been* my help, my soul had almost dwelt in the silence of death.

¹⁸When I said, My foot slip-peth; thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

¹⁹In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

²⁰Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?

²¹They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

²²But the Lord is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

²³And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the Lord our God shall cut them off.

PSALM 95

¹O Come, let us sing unto the

Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

³For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

⁴In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth: the heights of the hills *are* his also.

⁵The sea is his, and he made it: and his hand formed the dry land.

⁶O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

⁷For he is our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To-day if ye will hear his voice.

⁸Harden not your heart, as at Meribah, *and* as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

⁹When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

¹⁰Forty years long was I grieved with *this* generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

¹¹Unto whom I swore in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM 96

¹O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

²Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; declare his salvation from day to day.

³Declare his glory among the

nations, his wonders among all the peoples.

⁴For the Lord *is* great, and greatly to be praised: he *is* to be feared above all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the nations *are* idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.

⁷Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

⁸Give unto the Lord the glory *due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

⁹O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

¹⁰Say among the nations *that* the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the peoples righteously.

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

¹²Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice.

¹³Before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

PSALM 97

¹The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad *thereof*.

²Clouds and darkness *are* round about him: righteousness and

judgment *are* the habitation of his throne.

³A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

⁴His lightnings lighted the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

⁵The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

⁶The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

⁷Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all *ye* gods.

⁸Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O Lord.

⁹For thou, Lord, *art* high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his pious; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

¹¹Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

¹²Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous: and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

PSALM 98

A psalm.

O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his

holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

²The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewn in the sight of the nations.

³He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

⁵Sing unto the Lord with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of song.

⁶With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord, the king.

⁷Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

⁸Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together.

⁹Before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

PSALM 99

¹The Lord reigneth; let the peoples tremble: he sitteth between the cherubim; let the earth be moved.

²The Lord is great in Zion; and he is high above all the peoples.

³Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.

⁴The strength also of the king who loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest

judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

⁶Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

⁷He spoke unto them in the pillar of cloud: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them.

⁸Thou answeredst them, O Lord our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their deeds.

⁹Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

PSALM 100

A psalm of praise.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

²Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

³Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

⁵For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM 101

A psalm of David.

I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

¹I will give heed to the way of the perfect: O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house in the integrity of my heart.

²I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

³A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

⁴Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath a high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

⁵Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

⁶He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

⁷I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

PSALM 102

A prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the Lord.

¹Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee.

²Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble;

incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

³For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as a hearth.

⁴My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

⁵By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.

⁶I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

⁷I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

⁸Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

⁹For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

¹⁰Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

¹¹My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

¹²But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

¹³Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for it is time to favour it, yea, the set time, is come.

¹⁴For thy servants take pleasure in its stones, and favour the dust thereof.

¹⁵So the nations shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

¹¹When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

¹²He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

¹³This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.

¹⁴For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

¹⁵To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

¹⁶To declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

¹⁷When the peoples are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.

¹⁸He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

¹⁹I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.

²⁰Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

²¹They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

²²But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

²³The children of thy servants shall abide, and their seed shall be established before thee.

PSALM 103

A psalm of David.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.

²Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

³Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

⁴Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

⁵Who satisfieth thy old age with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

⁷He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

⁹He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

¹⁰He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

¹²As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

¹³Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

¹⁴For he knoweth our frame: he

remembereth that we *are* dust.

¹⁵*As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.*

¹⁶For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

¹⁷But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

¹⁸To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

¹⁹The Lord hath established his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

²⁰Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

²¹Bless ye the Lord, all *ye* his hosts; *ye* ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

²²Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

PSALM 104

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

²Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with* a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

³Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

⁴Who maketh winds his mes-

sengers; flaming fire his ministers;

⁵Who laid the earth upon its foundations, *that* it should not be removed for ever.

⁶Thou coveredst it with the deep as *with* a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

⁷At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hastened away.

⁸They went up by the mountains; they went down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

⁹Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

¹⁰He sendeth the springs into the valleys, *which* run among the hills.

¹¹They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

¹²By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, *which* sing among the branches.

¹³He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

¹⁴He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

¹⁵And wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make *his* face to shine, and bread *which* strengtheneth man's heart.

¹⁶The trees of the Lord are full of *sap*: the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

¹⁷Where the birds make their

nests: *as for the stork, the fir-trees are its house.*

¹⁶The high hills *are* a refuge for the wild goats; *and* the rocks for the conies.

¹⁷He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth its going down.

²⁰Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep *forth*.

²¹The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

²²The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

²³Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.

²⁴O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

²⁵*So is* this great and wide sea, wherein *are* things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

²⁶There go the ships: *there is* that leviathan, *whom* thou hast made to play therein.

²⁷These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give *them* their meat in due season.

²⁸*What* thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

²⁹Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

³⁰Thou sendest forth thy spirit,

they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

³¹The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

³²He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

³³I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

³⁴Let my meditation be agreeable unto him: I will be glad in the Lord.

³⁵Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 105

¹O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the peoples.

²Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

³Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

⁴Seek *the* Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

⁵Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

⁶O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

⁷*He is* the Lord our God: his judgments *are* in all the earth.

⁸He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word *which*

he commanded to a thousand generations.

⁹Which *covenant* he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;

¹⁰And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

¹¹Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance:

¹²When they were *but* a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it.

¹³When they went from one nation to another, from *one* kingdom to another people;

¹⁴He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes;

¹⁵*Saying*, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

¹⁶Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he broke the whole staff of bread.

¹⁷He sent a man before them, *even* Joseph, *who* was sold for a servant:

¹⁸Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:

¹⁹Until the time that his word came: the word of the Lord tried him.

²⁰The king sent and loosed him; *even* the ruler of peoples, and let him go free.

²¹He made him Lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:

²²To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his ancients wisdom.

²³Israel also came into Egypt and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

²⁴And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

²⁵He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants.

²⁶He sent Moses his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen.

²⁷They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

²⁸He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.

²⁹He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

³⁰Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.

³¹He spoke, and there came divers sorts of flies, *and* lice in all their borders.

³²He gave them hail for rain, *and* flaming fire in their land.

³³He smote their vines also and their fig-trees; and broke the trees of their borders.

³⁴He spoke, and the locusts came, and caterpillars, and that without number.

³⁵And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

³⁶He smote also all the first-born in their land, the chief of all their strength.

³⁷He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and *there* was not one feeble person among their tribes.

¹⁸Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.

¹⁹He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.

²⁰The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

²¹He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river.

²²For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.

²³And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness:

²⁴And gave them the lands of the nations: and they inherited the labour of the people;

²⁵That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 106

¹Praise ye the Lord, O give thanks unto the Lord; for *he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.*

²Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? *who* can publish all his praise?

³Blessed *are* they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

⁴Remember me, O Lord, with the favour *that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;*

⁵That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,

that I may glory with thine inheritance.

⁶We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

⁷Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but rebelled at the sea, *even* at the Red Sea.

⁸Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

⁹He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

¹⁰And he saved them from the hand of him that hated *them*, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

¹¹And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

¹²Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

¹³They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:

¹⁴But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

¹⁵And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

¹⁶They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the holy one of the Lord.

¹⁷The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.

¹⁸And a fire was kindled in their

company; the flame burned up the wicked.

¹⁹They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

²⁰Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

²¹They forgot God their saviour, who had done great things in Egypt;

²²Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red Sea.

²³Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

²⁴Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word:

²⁵But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.

²⁶Therefore he lifted up his hand against them to overthrow them in the wilderness:

²⁷To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

²⁸They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

²⁹Thus they provoked him to anger with their deeds: and the plague broke in upon them.

³⁰Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment; and so the plague was stayed.

³¹And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

³²They angered him also at the waters of Meribah, so that he went ill with Moses for their sake:

³³Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spoke unadvisedly with his lips.

³⁴They did not destroy the relations, concerning whom the Lord commanded them:

³⁵But they were mingled among the nations, and learned their works.

³⁶And they served their idol which were a snare unto them.

³⁷Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils

³⁸And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan, and the land was polluted with blood.

³⁹Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went astray with their own deeds.

⁴⁰Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

⁴¹And he gave them into the hand of the nations; and they that hated them ruled over them.

⁴²Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought in subjection under their hand.

⁴³Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their counsel, and he brought low for their iniquity.

⁴⁴Nevertheless he regarded the affliction, when he heard their cry:

⁴And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.

⁵He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captive.

⁶Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, to give thanks unto thy holy name, *and* to triumph in thy praise.

⁷Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the Lord.

FIFTH BOOK

PSALM 107

¹O give thanks unto the Lord, for *he is good*: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

²Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

³And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

⁴They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

⁵Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

⁶Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their distresses.

⁷And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

⁸Oh that *men* would praise the

Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

⁹For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

¹⁰Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *being* bound in affliction and iron;

¹¹Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the Most High:

¹²Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and *there was* none to help.

¹³Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, *and* he saved them out of their distresses.

¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their bands asunder.

¹⁵Oh that *men* would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

¹⁶For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron asunder.

¹⁷Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

¹⁸Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

¹⁹Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, *and* he saveth them out of their distresses.

²⁰He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions.

²¹Oh that *men* would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for

his wonderful works to the children of men!

²²And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

²³They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

²⁴These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

²⁵For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

²⁶They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

²⁷They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and all their wisdom vanisheth.

²⁸Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

²⁹He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

³⁰Then are they glad because they are quiet: so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

³¹Oh that *men* would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

³²Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

³³He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water-springs into dry ground;

³⁴A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

³⁵He turneth the wilderness in-

to a pool of water, and dry ground into water-springs.

³⁶And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

³⁷And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

³⁸He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

³⁹Again, they are diminished and brought low through oppression, misery, and sorrow.

⁴⁰He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, *where there is no way.*

⁴¹Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh *him* families like a flock.

⁴²The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

⁴³Whoso is wise, and will observe these *things*, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

PSALM 108

A song or psalm of David.

²O God, my heart is stedfast; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

³Awake, psaltery and harp; I myself will awake early.

⁴I will praise thee, O Lord, among the peoples: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

⁵For thy mercy is great above

the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the skies.

*Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth;

*That thy beloved may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and answer me.

*God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

*Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver;

¹⁰Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my sandal; over Philistia will I triumph.

¹¹Who will bring me into the strong city? who hath led me unto Edom?

¹²Hast not thou cast us off, O God? and thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.

¹³Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

¹⁴Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 109

To the chief musician, a psalm of David.

Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise;

*For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

*They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause.

*For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer.

*And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

*Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.

*When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.

*Let his days be few; and let another take his office

*Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

¹⁰Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread out of their desolate places.

¹¹Let the creditor seize all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour.

¹²Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.

¹³Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

¹⁴Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the Lord; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

¹⁵Let them be before the Lord continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

¹⁶Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.

¹⁷As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

¹⁸As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

¹⁹Let it be unto him as the garment *which* covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

²⁰Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the Lord, and of them that speak evil against my soul.

²¹But do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me.

²²For I *am* poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

²³I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.

²⁴My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness.

²⁵I became also a reproach unto them: *when* they looked upon me they shook their heads.

²⁶Help me, O Lord my God: O save me according to thy mercy:

²⁷That they may know that this is thy hand; *that* thou, Lord, hast done it.

²⁸Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice.

²⁹Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover

themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

³⁰I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

³¹For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save *him* from those that condemn his soul

PSALM 110

A psalm to David.

The Lord saith unto my master Sit thou at my right band, until I make thine enemies thy foot stool.

²The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

³Thy people offer themselves willingly in the day of thy power: in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, thou hast the dew of thy youth.

⁴The Lord hath sworn, and he will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

⁵The Lord at thy right hand shall crush kings in the day of his wrath.

⁶He shall judge among the nations, he shall fill *the places* with dead bodies; he shall crush heads over a wide-spread country.

⁷He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

PSALM 111

¹Praise ye the Lord, I will praise the Lord with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the up-

right, and in the congregation.

²The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

³His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

⁴He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

⁵He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

⁶He hath shewn his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

⁸They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

⁹He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

PSALM 112

¹Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

²His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

³Wealth and riches shall be in

his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

⁴Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

⁵Good is a man that sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with judgment.

⁶Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

⁷He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is stedfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

⁹He hath lavished, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

¹⁰The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM 113

¹Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

²Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

³From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

⁴The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

⁵Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,

⁶Who humbleth himself to be-

hold *the things that are* in heaven,
and in the earth!

⁷He raiseth up the poor out of
the dust, *and* lifteth the needy
out of the dunghill;

⁸That he may set *him* with
princes, *even* with the princes of
his people.

⁹He maketh the barren woman
to keep house, *and to be* a joyful
mother of children. Praise ye the
Lord.

PSALM 114

¹When Israel went out of E-
gypt, the house of Jacob from a
people of strange language;

²Judah was his sanctuary, *and*
Israel his dominion.

³The sea saw *it*, and fled: the
Jordan was driven back.

⁴The mountains skipped like
rams, *and* the little hills like
lambs.

⁵What *ailed* thee, O thou sea,
that thou fleddest? thou Jordan,
that thou wast driven back?

⁶Ye mountains, *that* ye skipped
like rams; *and* ye little hills, like
lambs?

⁷Tremble, thou earth, at the
presence of the Lord, at the pres-
ence of the God of Jacob;

⁸Who turned the rock *into* a
pool of water, the flint *into* a
fountain of waters.

PSALM 115

¹Not unto us, O Lord, not unto
us, but unto thy name give glory,
for thy mercy, *and* for thy truth's
sake.

²Wherefore should the nation
say, Where is now their God?

³But our God *is* in the heaven
he hath done whatsoever he has
pleased.

⁴Their idols *are* silver and
gold, the work of men's hands.

⁵They have mouths, but they
speak not: eyes have they, but
they see not:

⁶They have ears, but they hear
not: noses have they, but they
smell not:

⁷They have hands, but they
handle not: feet have they, but
they walk not: neither speak they
through their throat.

⁸They that make them are like
unto them; *so is* every one that
trusteth in them.

⁹O Israel, trust thou in the
Lord: he is their help and their
shield.

¹⁰O house of Aaron, trust in the
Lord: he is their help and their
shield.

¹¹Ye that fear the Lord, trust
in the Lord: he is their help and
their shield.

¹²The Lord hath been mindful
of us: he will bless *us*; he will
bless the house of Israel; he will
bless the house of Aaron.

¹³He will bless them that fear
the Lord, *both* small and great.

¹⁴The Lord shall increase you
more and more, you and your
children.

¹⁵Ye *are* blessed of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

¹⁶The heavens, *even* the heavens
are the Lord's; but the earth hath

he given to the children of men.

¹⁷The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into the silence of death.

¹⁸But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the Lord.

PSALM 116

¹I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice *and* my supplications.

²Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

³The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell got hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

⁴Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

⁵Gracious *is* the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God *is* merciful.

⁶The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

⁷Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

⁸For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, *and* my feet from falling.

⁹I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

¹⁰I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:

¹¹I said in my haste, All men are liars.

¹²What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

¹³I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

¹⁴I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the Lord *is* the death of his pious ones.

¹⁶O Lord, truly I *am* thy servant; I *am* thy servant, the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

¹⁸I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 117

¹O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye peoples.

²For his merciful kindness *is* great toward us: and the truth of the Lord *endureth* for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 118

¹O give thanks unto the Lord; for *he is* good: because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

²Let Israel now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

³Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

⁴Let them now that fear the Lord say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

⁵I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, *and set me in a large place.*

⁶The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

⁷The Lord taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that hate me.

⁸*It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.*

⁹*It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.*

¹⁰All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

¹¹They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

¹²They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

¹³Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the Lord helped me.

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

¹⁵The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

¹⁶The right hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

¹⁸The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of right-

eousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:

²⁰This is the gate of the Lord into which the righteous shall enter.

²¹I will praise thee: for thou hast answered me, and art become my salvation.

²²The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save now, I beseech thee, Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

²⁶Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

²⁷God is the Lord, who has shewn us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horn of the altar.

²⁸Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: *thou art my God* I will exalt thee.

²⁹O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM 119



¹Blessed are the perfect in way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

²Blessed are they that keep

testimonies, *and that seek him* with the whole heart.

⁹They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

¹⁰Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

¹¹O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

¹²Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

¹³I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

¹⁴I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

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¹Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.

²With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

³Thy word have I hidden in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

⁴Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

⁵With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

⁶I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as *much* as in all riches.

⁷I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

⁸I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

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¹Deal bountifully with thy ser-

vant, *that* I may live, and keep thy word.

²Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

³*I am* a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

⁴My soul breaketh for the longing *that it hath* unto thy judgments at all times.

⁵Thou hast rebuked the proud *that are* cursed, that do err from thy commandments.

⁶Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.

⁷Princes also did sit *and speak* against me: *but* thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

⁸Thy testimonies also *are* my delight *and* my counsellors.

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¹My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

²I have declared my ways, and thou answeredst me: teach me thy statutes.

³Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

⁴My soul droppeth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

⁵Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

⁶I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid *before me*.

⁷I have stuck unto thy testi-

monies: O Lord, put me not to shame.

²¹I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

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²²Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

²³Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

²⁴Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

²⁵Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

²⁶Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

²⁷Fulfil thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

²⁸Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

²⁹Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

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³⁰Let thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord, *even* thy salvation, according to thy word.

³¹So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

³²And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

³³So shall I keep thy law con-

tinually for ever and ever.

³⁴And I will walk at liberty for I seek thy precepts.

³⁵I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

³⁶And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

³⁷My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

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³⁸Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

³⁹This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

⁴⁰The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law.

⁴¹I remembered thy judgment of old, O Lord; and have comforted myself.

⁴²Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

⁴³Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.

⁴⁴I have remembered thy name O Lord, in the night, and have kept thy law.

⁴⁵This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

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⁴⁶Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep thy words.

⁸⁰I entreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

⁸¹I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

⁸²I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

⁸³The bands of the wicked have robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten thy law.

⁸⁴At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

⁸⁵I *am* a companion of all *them* that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

⁸⁶The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

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⁸⁷Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord, according unto thy word.

⁸⁸Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

⁸⁹Before I was afflicted I went astray: *but* now have I kept thy word.

⁹⁰Thou *art* good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

⁹¹The proud have forged a lie against me: *but* I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

⁹²Their heart is as fat as grease; *but* I delight in thy law.

⁹³*It is* good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

⁹⁴The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

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⁹⁵Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

⁹⁶They that fear thee will see me and be glad; because I have hoped in thy word.

⁹⁷I know, O Lord, that thy judgments *are* right, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

⁹⁸Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness come to comfort me, according to thy word unto thy servant.

⁹⁹Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law *is* my delight.

¹⁰⁰Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: *but* I will meditate in thy precepts.

¹⁰¹Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.

¹⁰²Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

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¹⁰³My soul fainteth for thy salvation: *but* I hope in thy word.

¹⁰⁴Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

¹⁰⁵For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; *yet* do I not forget thy statutes.

¹⁰⁶How many *are* the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

¹⁰⁷The proud have dug pits for me, which *are* not *after* thy law.

⁹⁶All thy commandments *are* faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

⁹⁷They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.

⁹⁸Quicken me after thy loving-kindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

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⁹⁹For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.

¹⁰⁰Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

¹⁰¹They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all *are* thy servants.

¹⁰²Unless thy law *had been* my delight, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

¹⁰³I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

¹⁰⁴I *am* thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

¹⁰⁵The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: *but* I will consider thy testimonies.

¹⁰⁶I have seen an end of all perfection: *but* thy commandment is exceeding broad.

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¹⁰⁷O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

¹⁰⁸Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they *are* ever with me.

¹⁰⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy

testimonies *are* my meditation

¹¹⁰I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

¹¹¹I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

¹¹²I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

¹¹³How sweet *are* thy words unto my taste! *yea, sweeter* than honey to my mouth!

¹¹⁴Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

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¹¹⁵Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

¹¹⁶I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

¹¹⁷I *am* afflicted very much; quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word.

¹¹⁸Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill-offerings of my mouth O Lord, and teach me thy judgments.

¹¹⁹My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

¹²⁰The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

¹²¹Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever: for they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.

¹²²I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, *even unto* the end.

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¹¹³I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

¹¹⁴Thou art my hiding-place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

¹¹⁵Depart from me, ye evil-doers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

¹¹⁶Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

¹¹⁷Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

¹¹⁸Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.

¹¹⁹Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.

¹²⁰My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

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¹²¹I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

¹²²Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

¹²³Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

¹²⁴Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

¹²⁵I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

¹²⁶It is time for thee, Lord, to

work: for they have made void thy law.

¹²⁷Therefore I love thy commandments above gold: yea, above fine gold.

¹²⁸Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right: and I hate every false way.

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¹²⁹Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

¹³⁰The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

¹³¹I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

¹³²Turn thou unto me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

¹³³Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

¹³⁵Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

¹³⁶Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

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¹³⁷Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments.

¹³⁸Thou hast commanded thy testimonies as righteous and very faithful.

¹³⁹My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

¹⁴⁰Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

¹⁴¹I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.

¹⁴²Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

¹⁴³Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delight.

¹⁴⁴The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

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¹⁴⁵I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord: I will keep thy statutes.

¹⁴⁶I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

¹⁴⁷I rose early with the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.

¹⁴⁸Mine eyes awake before the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

¹⁴⁹Hear my voice according unto thy loving-kindness: O Lord, quicken me according to thy judgment.

¹⁵⁰They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.

¹⁵¹Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy commandments are truth.

¹⁵²Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

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¹⁵³Consider mine affliction, ar deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

¹⁵⁴Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

¹⁵⁵Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

¹⁵⁶Great are thy tender mercies: O Lord: quicken me according to thy judgments.

¹⁵⁷Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

¹⁵⁸I beheld the transgressors and was disgusted; because they kept not thy word.

¹⁵⁹Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O Lord, according to thy loving-kindness.

¹⁶⁰Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

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¹⁶¹Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

¹⁶²I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

¹⁶³I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.

¹⁶⁴Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.

¹⁶⁵Great peace have they that love thy law: and they shall have no stumbling.

¹⁶⁶Lord, I have hoped for thy

salvation, and done thy commandments.

¹⁶⁷My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

¹⁶⁸I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

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¹⁶⁹Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word.

¹⁷⁰Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

¹⁷¹My lips shall utter praise, for thou hast taught me thy statutes.

¹⁷²My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

¹⁷³Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

¹⁷⁴I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my delight.

¹⁷⁵Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

¹⁷⁶I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

PSALM 120

A song of degrees.

In my distress I cried unto the Lord, and he heard me.

¹Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

²What shall the deceitful tongue

give unto thee? or what shall it add unto thee?

³Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of broom-brush.

⁴Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar!

⁵My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

⁶I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.

PSALM 121

A song of degrees.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence shall my help come?

²My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

³He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

⁴Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

⁶The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

⁸The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM 122

A song of degrees of David.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

²Our feet have stood within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

¹Jerusalem is built as a city that is compact together:

²Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

³For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁴Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

⁵Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

⁶For my brethren and companions' sake, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

⁷Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

PSALM 123

A song of degrees.

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

²Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

³Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

⁴Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

PSALM 124

A song of degrees of David.

If it had not been the Lord who

was on our side, now may Israel say;

²If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when we rose up against us:

³Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

⁴Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

⁵Then the proud waters have gone over our soul.

⁶Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

⁷Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowler: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

⁸Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 125

A song of degrees.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

²As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

³For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

⁴Do good, O Lord, unto those that are good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

⁵As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the

workers of iniquity: *but peace shall be upon Israel.*

PSALM 126

A song of degrees.

When the Lord turned back the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

¹Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with-singing: then said they among the nations, The Lord hath done great things for them.

²The Lord hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad.

³Turn back our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south.

⁴They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

⁵He that goeth forth and weep-eth, scattering the seed, shall doubtless come back with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him.*

PSALM 127

A song of degrees for Solomon.

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain.

²*It is vain* for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: *for* so he giveth his beloved in sleep.

³Lo, children *are* a heritage of the Lord: *and* the fruit of the womb *is* his reward.

⁴As sorrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth.

¹Happy *is* the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

PSALM 128

A song of degrees.

Blessed *is* every one that feareth the Lord: that walketh in his ways.

²For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy *shalt* thou be, and *it shall be* well with thee.

³Thy wife *shall be* as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive-plants round about thy table.

⁴Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

⁵The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

⁶Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, *and* peace upon Israel.

PSALM 129

A song of degrees.

Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say:

²Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.

³The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows.

⁴The Lord *is* righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

⁵Let them all be confounded and

turned back that hate Zion.

²Let them be as the grass *upon* the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up:

³Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.

⁴Neither do they that go by say, The blessing of the Lord be upon you: we bless you in the name of the Lord.

PSALM 130

A song of degrees.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

²Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

³If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

⁴But *there is* forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

⁵I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

⁶My soul *waiteth* for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: *I say, more than* they that watch for the morning.

⁷Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord *there is* mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

⁸And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

PSALM 131

A song of degrees of David.

Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great mat-

ters, or in things too wonder for me.

²Surely I have calmed a quieted myself, as a child that weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child.

³Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and for ever.

PSALM 132

A song of degrees.

Lord, remember David, and his afflictions:

²How he swore unto the Lord and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;

³Surely I will not come in the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

⁴I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelid

⁵Until I find out a place for the Lord, a habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

⁶Lo, we heard of it at Ephrathah: we found it in the fields of the wood.

⁷We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

⁸Arise, O Lord, into thy rest thou, and the ark of thy strength

⁹Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy pious ones shout for joy.

¹⁰For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.

¹¹The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body wilt I set upon thy throne.

¹²If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

¹³For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.

¹⁴This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

¹⁵I will abundantly bless its provision: I will satisfy its poor with bread.

¹⁶I will also clothe its priests with salvation: and its pious ones shall shout aloud for joy.

¹⁷There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

¹⁸His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown glitter.

PSALM 133

A song of degrees of David.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

²It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

³As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

PSALM 134

A song of degrees.

Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, that by

night stand in the house of the Lord.

²Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

³The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

PSALM 135

¹Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the name of the Lord; praise him, O ye servants of the Lord.

²Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God,

³Praise the Lord: for the Lord is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

⁴For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his special treasure.

⁵For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

⁶Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

⁷He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasures.

⁸Who smote the first-born of Egypt, both of man and beast.

⁹Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

¹⁰Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;

¹¹Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all

the kingdoms of Canaan:

¹²And gave their land *for* a heritage, a heritage unto Israel his people.

¹³Thy name, O Lord, *endureth* for ever; *and* thy memorial, O Lord, throughout all generations.

¹⁴For the Lord will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.

¹⁵The idols of the nations *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

¹⁶They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not;

¹⁷They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there *any* breath in their mouths.

¹⁸They that make them shall be like unto them: every one that trusteth in them.

¹⁹Bless the Lord, O house of Israel: bless the Lord, O house of Aaron:

²⁰Bless the Lord, O house of Levi: ye that fear the Lord, bless the Lord.

²¹Blessed be the Lord out of Zion, who dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 136

¹O Give thanks unto the Lord; *for he is good: for his mercy endureth* for ever.

²O give thanks unto the God of gods: *for his mercy endureth* for ever.

³O give thanks to the Lord of lords: *for his mercy endureth* for ever.

⁴To him who alone doeth great

wonders: *for his mercy endureth* for ever.

⁵To him that by wisdom made the heavens: *for his mercy endureth* for ever.

⁶To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: *for his mercy endureth* for ever.

⁷To him that made great lights *for his mercy endureth* for ever:

⁸The sun to rule by day: *for his mercy endureth* for ever:

⁹The moon and stars to rule by night: *for his mercy endureth* for ever.

¹⁰To him that smote Egypt in their first-born: *for his mercy endureth* for ever:

¹¹And brought out Israel from among them: *for his mercy endureth* for ever:

¹²With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: *for his mercy endureth* for ever.

¹³To him who divided the Red Sea into parts: *for his mercy endureth* for ever:

¹⁴And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: *for his mercy endureth* for ever:

¹⁵But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea: *for his mercy endureth* for ever.

¹⁶To him who led his people through the wilderness: *for his mercy endureth* for ever.

¹⁷To him who smote great kings: *for his mercy endureth* for ever:

¹⁸And slew famous kings: *for his mercy endureth* for ever:

¹⁹Sihon king of the Amorites: *for his mercy endureth* for ever:

²⁰And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

²¹And gave their land for a heritage: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

²²*Even* a heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

²³Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

²⁴And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

²⁵Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

²⁶O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

PSALM 137

¹By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

²We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

³For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us *required of us* mirth, *saying*, Sing us *one* of the songs of Zion.

⁴How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

⁵If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget *her cunning*.

⁶If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

⁷Remember, O Lord, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, *Rase it. rase*

it, even to the foundation thereof.

⁸O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy *shall he be*, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

⁹Happy *shall he be*, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the rock.

PSALM 138

A psalm of David.

I will praise thee with *my* whole heart: before the gods *will* I sing praise unto thee.

²I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

³In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, *and* emboldenedst me *with* strength in my soul.

⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

⁵Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: for great *is* the glory of the Lord.

⁶Though the Lord be high: yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

⁸The Lord will perfect *that* which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, *endureth* for ever: for-sake not the works of thine own hands.

PSALM 139

To the chief musician, a psalm of David.

O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known *me*.

²Thou knowest my downsit-
ting and mine uprising, thou under-
standest my thought afar off.

³Thou searchest out my walk-
ing and my lying down, and art
acquainted *with* all my ways.

⁴For *there is* not a word in my
tongue, *but*, lo, O Lord, thou
knowest it altogether.

⁵Thou hast beset me behind and
before, and laid thine hand upon
me.

⁶*Such knowledge is* too wonder-
ful for me: it is high, I cannot
attain unto it.

⁷Whither shall I go from thy
spirit? or whither shall I flee
from thy presence?

⁸If I ascend up into heaven,
thou *art* there: if I make my bed
in the depth below, behold, thou
art there.

⁹If I take the wings of the
morning, *and* dwell in the utter-
most parts of the sea;

¹⁰Even there shall thy hand lead
me, and thy right hand shall hold
me.

¹¹If I say, Surely the darkness
shall cover me; even the night
shall be light about me.

¹²Yea, the darkness hideth not
from thee; but the night shineth
as the day: the darkness and the
light *are* both alike to thee.

¹³For thou hast possessed my
reins: thou hast covered me in
my mother's womb.

¹⁴I will praise thee; for I *am*
fearfully *and* wonderfully made:
marvellous *are* thy works; *as*
that my soul knoweth right well.

¹⁵My substance was not hid
from thee, when I was made
secret, *and* curiously wrought
the lowest parts of the earth.

¹⁶Thine eyes did see my unde-
veloped form; and in thy book
are written all my destined days,
when *as yet there was* none
of them.

¹⁷How precious also are thy
thoughts unto me, O God! how
great is the sum of them!

¹⁸If I should count them, they
are more in number than the
sand: when I awake, I am
with thee.

¹⁹Surely thou wilt slay the
wicked, O God: depart from
me, therefore, ye bloody men.

²⁰For they speak against thee
wickedly, *and* thine enemies ta-
ke *thy name* in vain.

²¹Do not I hate them, O Lord?
that hate thee? and am not
grieved with those that rise
against thee?

²²I hate them with perfect
hate: I count them mine enemies.

²³Search me, O God, and know
my heart: try me, and know
my thoughts:

²⁴And see if *there be* any wicked
way in me, and lead me in the
way everlasting.

PSALM 140

To the chief musician, a psalm of David.

¹Deliver me, O Lord, from the

evil man: preserve me from the violent man;

⁹Who imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war.

¹⁰They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah.

¹¹Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my steps.

¹²The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah.

¹³I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord.

¹⁴O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

¹⁵Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves. Selah.

¹⁶As for the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

¹⁷Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

¹⁸Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

¹⁹I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.

¹Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

PSALM 141

A psalm of David.

Lord, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

²Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

³Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

⁴Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

⁵Let the righteous smite me, it shall be a kindness; and let him reprove me, it shall be as oil upon the head; let not my head refuse it: for even in their calamities shall my prayer continue.

⁶When their judges are overthrown by the sides of the rock, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

⁷Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one ploweth and breaketh the soil.

⁸But mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

⁹Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

¹⁰Let the wicked fall into their

own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

PSALM 142

Maschil of David: a prayer when he was in the cave.

¹I cried unto the Lord with my voice; with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

²I poured out my complaint before him; I told before him my trouble.

³When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

⁴I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but *there was* no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

⁵I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said, Thou *art* my refuge *and* my portion in the land of the living.

⁶Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

⁷Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

PSALM 143

A psalm of David.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.

²And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

³For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten *a* life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness as those that have been lo dead.

⁴Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is benumbed.

⁵I remember the days of old I meditate on all thy works; muse on the work of thy hand.

⁶I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a weary land. Selah.

⁷Hear me speedily, O Lord: *r* spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto the that go down into the pit.

⁸Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk for I lift up my soul unto thee.

⁹Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

¹⁰Teach me to do thy will; for thou *art* my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into a level country.

¹¹Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

¹²And in thy mercy cut mine enemies, and destroy them that afflict my soul: for *am* thy servant.

PSALM 144

A psalm of David.

Blessed *be* the Lord our strength, who teacheth my hand

to war, and my fingers to fight:

²My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and *he* in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

³Lord, what *is* man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

⁴Man is like a breath: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

⁵Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

⁶Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and confound them.

⁷Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;

⁸Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.

⁹I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

¹⁰*It is he* that giveth salvation unto kings; who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

¹¹Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood:

¹²That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters *may be* as

corner-stones hewn *after* the fashion of a palace:

¹³That our garners *may be* full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

¹⁴That our oxen *may be* strong to labour; that *there be* no breaking in, nor going out; that *there be* no complaining in our streets.

¹⁵Happy *is* that people, that is in such a state: *yea*, happy *is* that people, whose God *is* the Lord.

PSALM 145

David's psalm of praise.

I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

²Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

³Great *is* the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness *is* unsearchable.

⁴One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

⁵I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

⁶And *men* shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

⁷They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

⁸The Lord *is* gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

⁹The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies *are* over all his works.

¹⁰All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy pious ones shall bless thee.

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

¹²To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

¹³Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.

¹⁴The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all *those that are* bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

¹⁶Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

¹⁸The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

¹⁹He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

²⁰The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSALM 146

¹Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

²While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

³Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help.

⁴His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

⁵Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the Lord his God:

⁶Who made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is*: who keepeth truth for ever:

⁷Who executeth judgment for the oppressed: who giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners:

⁸The Lord openeth *the eyes of* the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous:

⁹The Lord preserveth the strangers; he upholdeth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he subverteth.

¹⁰The Lord shall reign for ever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 147

¹Praise ye the Lord: for *it is* good to sing praises unto our God; for *it is* pleasant; and praise is comely.

²The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

⁸He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

⁹He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

¹⁰Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

¹¹The Lord upholdeth the meek: he bringeth the wicked down to the ground.

¹²Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

¹³Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

¹⁴He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

¹⁵He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

¹⁶The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

¹⁷Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Zion.

¹⁸For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

¹⁹He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

²⁰He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

²¹He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

²²He casteth forth his ice like

morsels: who can stand before his cold?

²³He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

²⁴He declareth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

²⁵He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 148

¹Praise ye the Lord, Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

²Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

³Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

⁴Praise him ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that are above the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶He hath also established them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all depths:

⁸Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

⁹Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

¹⁰Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

¹¹Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

¹²Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

¹⁴He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his pious ones, *even* of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 149

¹Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, *and* his praise in the congregation of the pious.

²Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

³Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

⁴For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

⁵Let the pious be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

⁶Let the high praises of God be

in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;

⁷To execute vengeance upon the nations and punishments upon the peoples;

⁸To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

⁹To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his pious ones. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 150

¹Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

²Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

³Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

⁴Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

⁵Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

⁶Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

PROVERBS

- 1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;
- 2To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;
- 3To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;
- 4To give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.
- 5A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:
- 6To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their riddles.
- 7The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- 8My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
- 9For they shall be a garland of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.
- 10My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.
- 11If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:
- 12Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:
- 13We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:
- 14Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:
- 15My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:
- 16For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.
- 17Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.
- 18And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives.
- 19So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; that taketh away the life of the owners thereof.
- 20Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:
- 21She crieth at the head of the noisy places, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying,
- 22How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?
- 23Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.
- 24Because I have called, and ye

refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

²²But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

²³I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

²⁴When your fear cometh as a tempest, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish come upon you.

²⁵Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

²⁶For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord:

²⁷They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

²⁸Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

²⁹For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

³⁰But whoso hearkened unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

2 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

³So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;

⁴Yea, if thou criest after intelligence and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

⁵If thou seekest it as silver,

and searchest for it as for hidden treasures;

⁶Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

⁷For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

⁸He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: *he* is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

⁹He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his pious ones.

¹⁰Then shall thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea*, every good path.

¹¹When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul:

¹²Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

¹³To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things;

¹⁴Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

¹⁵Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

¹⁶Whose ways *are* crooked, and *who are* froward in their paths:

¹⁷To deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger that flattereth with her words;

¹⁸That forsaketh the friend of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

¹⁹For the house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.

¹⁹None that go unto her return again, neither do they reach the paths of life.

²⁰That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.

²¹For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

²²But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

3 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

²For length of days, and years of life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

³Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

⁴So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

⁵Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

⁶In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

⁷Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

⁸It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

⁹Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase:

¹⁰So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall overflow with new wine.

¹¹My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction:

¹²For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

¹³Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

¹⁴For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

¹⁵It is more precious than pearls: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto it.

¹⁶Length of days is in its right hand; and in its left hand riches and honour.

¹⁷Its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace.

¹⁸It is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon it: and happy is every one that retaineth it.

¹⁹The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

²⁰By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the skies drop down the dew.

²¹My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

²²So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

²³Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

²⁴When thou liest down, thou

shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

²⁵Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

²⁶For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

²⁷Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

²⁸Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to-morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

²⁹Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

³⁰Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

³¹Envy thou not the man of violence, and choose none of his ways,

³²For the froward is abomination to the Lord: but his confidence is with the righteous.

³³The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

³⁴Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

³⁵The wise shall inherit glory: but fools shall take up shame.

4 Hear ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

¹For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

²For I was a *darling* son unto my father, a tender and an only *child* before my mother.

³He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

⁴Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

⁵Forsake it not, and it shall preserve thee: love it, and it shall keep thee.

⁶The beginning of wisdom is, Get wisdom: and with all thou hast gotten get understanding.

⁷Exalt it, and it shall promote thee: it shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace it.

⁸It shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall it deliver to thee.

⁹Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

¹⁰I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

¹¹When thou walkest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

¹²Take fast hold of instruction; let it not go: keep it; for it is thy life.

¹³Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

¹⁴Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

¹⁵For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and

their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall.

¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

¹⁸But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more until the day be established.

¹⁹The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

²⁰My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

²¹Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

²²For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

²³Keep thy heart above all keeping; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

²⁴Put away from thee a forward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

²⁵Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

²⁶Level the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

²⁷Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

5 My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding:

²That thou mayest regard discretion, and *that* thy lips may keep knowledge.

⁵For the lips of a strange woman drop *as* a honeycomb, and her mouth *is* smoother than oil:

⁶But her end *is* bitter as wormwood, sharp *as* a two-edged sword.

⁷Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on the grave.

⁸She findeth not the level path of life; her ways *are* unsteady and she knoweth it not.

⁹Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

¹⁰Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:

¹¹Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:

¹²Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours *be* in the house of a stranger;

¹³And thou groan at the last, when thy flesh and thy body *are* consumed,

¹⁴And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;

¹⁵And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

¹⁶I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

¹⁷Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

¹⁸Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.

¹⁹Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.

¹⁸Let thy fountain be blessed:
and rejoice with the wife of thy
youth.

¹⁹Let her be as the loving hind
and pleasant roe; let her breasts
satisfy thee at all times; and be
thou ravished always with her
love.

²⁰And why wilt thou, my son,
be ravished with a strange wo-
man, and embrace the bosom of
a stranger?

²¹For the ways of man are be-
fore the eyes of the Lord, and he
maketh level all his paths.

²²His own iniquities shall take
the wicked himself, and he shall
be held with the cords of his
sins.

²³He shall die without instruc-
tion; and in the greatness of his
folly he shall go astray.

6 My son, if thou be surety for
thy friend, if thou strike thy
hand for a stranger,

²Thou art snared with the
words of thy mouth, thou art
taken with the words of thy
mouth.

³Do this now, my son, and de-
liver thyself, when thou art come
into the hand of thy friend: go,
humble thyself, and urge thy
friend.

⁴Give not sleep to thine eyes,
nor slumber to thine eyelids.

⁵Deliver thyself as a roe from
the hand of the hunter, and as a
bird from the hand of the fowler.

⁶Go to the ant, thou sluggard;
consider her ways, and be wise:

⁷Which having no magistrate,
overseer, or ruler,

⁸Provideth her meat in the sum-
mer, and gathereth her food in
the harvest.

⁹How long wilt thou sleep, O
sluggard? when wilt thou arise
out of thy sleep?

¹⁰Yet a little sleep, a little slum-
ber, a little folding of the hands
to sleep:

¹¹So shall thy poverty come as
a rover, and thy want as an armed
arm.

¹²A naughty person, a wicked
man, walketh with a froward
mouth.

¹³He winketh with his eyes, he
speaketh with his feet, he point-
eth with his fingers;

¹⁴Frowardness is in his heart,
he deviseth mischief continually;
he soweth discord.

¹⁵Therefore shall his calamity
come suddenly; suddenly shall he
be broken without remedy.

¹⁶These six things doth the
Lord hate: yea, seven are an a-
bomination unto him:

¹⁷A proud look, a lying tongue,
and hands that shed innocent
blood,

¹⁸A heart that deviseth wicked
imaginings, feet that are swift
in running to mischief,

¹⁹A false witness that speaketh
lies, and he that soweth discord
among brethren.

²⁰My son, keep thy father's
commandment, and forsake not
the law of thy mother:

²¹Bind them continually upon

thine heart, *and* tie them about thy neck.

²²When thou walkest, it shall lead thee; when thou reatest, it shall keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

²³For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:

²⁴To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

²⁵Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

²⁶For by means of a harlot woman a man *is* brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

²⁷Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

²⁸Can one walk upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

²⁹So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be exempt from punishment.

³⁰*Men* do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;

³¹*But if* he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

³²*But* whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he *that* doeth it destroyeth his own soul.

³³A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

³⁴For jealousy *is* the rage of a

man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

³⁵He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

7 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.

²Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

³Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

⁴Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister; and call understanding *thy* friend.

⁵That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger *that* flattereth with her words.

⁶For at the window of my house I looked through my case-ment,

⁷And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,

⁸Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,

⁹In the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the middle of the night and the darkness:

¹⁰And, behold, there met him a woman *with* the attire of a harlot, and subtle of heart.

¹¹(*She is* loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:

¹²*Now is she* without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)

¹³So she caught him, and kissed

him, *and* with an impudent face said unto him,

¹⁴*I have* peace-offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows.

¹⁵Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.

¹⁶I have decked my bed with coverings, with tapestry of Egyptian yarn.

¹⁷I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

¹⁸Come let us take our fill of love until the morning; let us rejoice in love.

¹⁹For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey:

²⁰He hath taken a bag of money with him, *and* will come home at the day appointed.

²¹With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.

²²He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as *one* in fetters to the punishment *ready* for the fool.

²³Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteneth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.

²⁴Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.

²⁵Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.

²⁶For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, very numerous are all her slain.

²⁷Her house is the way to the grave, going down to the chambers of death.

8 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth its voice?

²It standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

³It crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

⁴Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.

⁵O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

⁶Hear, for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things.

⁷For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

⁸All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; *there is* nothing froward or perverse in them.

⁹They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

¹⁰Receive my instruction, and not silver: and knowledge rather than choice gold.

¹¹For wisdom is better than pearls; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

¹²I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

¹³The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance.

and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

¹⁴Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; mine is might.

¹⁵By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

¹⁶By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

¹⁷I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

¹⁸Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.

¹⁹My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my produce than choice silver.

²⁰I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:

²¹That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

²²The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

²³I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

²⁴When there were not depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

²⁶While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the first dust of the world.

²⁷When he prepared the heav-

ens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

²⁸When he established the skies above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

²⁹When he set to the sea its bound, that the waters should not pass beyond its shore: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

³⁰Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him:

³¹Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

³²Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.

³³Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

³⁴Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

³⁵For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord.

³⁶But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

9 Wisdom hath built its house, it hath hewn out its seven pillars:

²It hath killed its beasts for meat; it hath mingled its wine; it hath also furnished its table.

³It hath sent forth its maidens: it crieth upon the highest places of the city.

⁴Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: *as for him that wanteth understanding, it saith to him,*

⁵Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine *which I have mingled.*

⁶Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

⁷He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame; and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.

⁸Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

¹¹For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

¹²If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but *if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.*

¹³Folly is a clamorous woman: *she is simple, and knoweth nothing.*

¹⁴For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city.

¹⁵To call passengers who go right on their ways:

¹⁶Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and *as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,*

¹⁷Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.

¹⁸But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.

10 The proverbs of Solomon.

A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

²Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

³The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the desire of the wicked.

⁴He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

⁵He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

⁶Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

⁷The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

⁸The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

⁹He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be punished.

¹⁰He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.

¹¹The mouth of a righteous man

is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

¹⁵Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

¹⁶In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

¹⁷Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

¹⁸The rich man's wealth is his strong city: the destruction of the poor is their poverty.

¹⁹The labour of the righteous tendeth to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

²⁰He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth.

²¹He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.

²²In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.

²³The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth.

²⁴The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

²⁵The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

²⁶It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.

²⁷The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the de-

sire of the righteous shall be granted.

²⁸As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

²⁹As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him.

³⁰The fear of the Lord prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

³¹The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

³²The way of the Lord is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

³³The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not abide in the earth.

³⁴The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.

³⁵The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness.

11 A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight.

²When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

³The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

⁴Riches profit not in the day

of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

²The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

³The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in *their own mischief*.

⁴When a wicked man dieth, *his expectation shall perish*: and the hope of unjust *men* perisheth.

⁵The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

⁶A hypocrite with *his* mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

⁷When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, *there is shouting*.

⁸By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

⁹He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

¹⁰A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit connealet the matter.

¹¹Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is safety*.

¹²He that is surety for a stranger shall smart *for it*; and he that hateth suretyship is sure.

¹³A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong *men* retain riches.

¹⁴The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but *he that is* cruel troubleth his own flesh.

¹⁵The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness *shall be* a sure reward.

¹⁶As righteousness *tendeth* to life: so he that pursueth evil *pursueth it* to his own death.

¹⁷They that are of a froward heart *are* abomination to the Lord: but *such as are* upright in *their way are* his delight.

¹⁸*Though* hand join in hand, the wicked shall not go unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

¹⁹As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman that is without discretion.

²⁰The desire of the righteous is only good: *but* the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

²¹There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and *there is* that withholdeth more than is meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty.

²²The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

²³He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing *shall be* upon the head of him that selleth *it*.

²⁴He that diligently seeketh good seeketh favour: but he that

seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

¹⁰He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as foliage.

¹¹He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.

¹²The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that is wise winneth souls.

¹³Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

12 Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is stupid.

²A good man obtaineth favour of the Lord: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

³A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

⁴A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

⁵The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

⁶The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

⁷The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

⁸A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he

that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.

⁹Better is he that esteemeth himself lightly, and hath a servant, than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.

¹⁰A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

¹¹He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding.

¹²The wicked desireth the prey of evil men: but the root of the righteous yields fruit.

¹³The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

¹⁴A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompense of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

¹⁵The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

¹⁶A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame.

¹⁷He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness, deceit.

¹⁸There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

¹⁹The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

²⁰Deceit is in the heart of them

that devise evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy.

²¹There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

²²Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight.

²³A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

²⁴The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

²⁵Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

²⁶The righteous is more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.

²⁷The slothful man roasteth not his venison: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.

²⁸In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

13 A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

²A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

³He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

⁴The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

⁵A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

⁶Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

⁷There is he that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is he that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

⁸The ransom of a man's life are his riches: but the poor heartheth not rebuke.

⁹The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

¹⁰Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

¹¹Wealth gotten in haste shall be diminished: but he that gathereth little by little shall increase.

¹²Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

¹³Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

¹⁴The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

¹⁵Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.

¹⁶Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.

¹⁷A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health.

¹⁸Poverty and shame *shall be* to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

¹⁹The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil.

²⁰He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but he that keepeth company with fools shall be destroyed.

²¹Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.

²²A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

²³Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is *that which* is destroyed for want of judgment.

²⁴He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

²⁵The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

14 Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

²He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the Lord: but *he that is* perverse in his ways despiseth him.

³In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

⁴Where no oxen *are*, the crib is

clean: but much increase is by the strength of the ox.

⁵A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

⁶A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth* it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.

⁷Go into the presence of a foolish man, and thou shalt not know the lips of knowledge.

⁸The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.

⁹Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there is* favour.

¹⁰The heart knoweth its own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

¹¹The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

¹²There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

¹³Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of mirth is heaviness.

¹⁴The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.

¹⁵The simple believeth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his steps.

¹⁶A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

¹⁷*He that is* soon angry dealeth

foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.

¹⁸The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

¹⁹The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

²⁰The poor is hated even by his own neighbour: but the rich hath many friends.

²¹He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.

²²Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good.

²³In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.

²⁴The crown of the wise is their riches: but the foolishness of fools is folly.

²⁵A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful witness speaketh lies.

²⁶In the fear of the Lord is man's strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

²⁷The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

²⁸In the multitude of people is the king's honour: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.

²⁹He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

³⁰A soft heart is the life of the flesh: but envy is the rottenness of the bones.

³¹He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that hath mercy on the poor honoureth him.

³²The wicked is thrust down through his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope even in his death.

³³Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but that which is in the inward of fools is made known.

³⁴Righteousness exalteth a nation: but a disgrace to any people is sin.

³⁵The king's favour is toward a wise servant: but his wrath is against him that causeth shame.

15 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

²The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

³The eyes of the Lord are in every place: beholding the evil and the good.

⁴A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

⁵A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

⁶In the house of the righteous is much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

⁷The lips of the wise diffuse

knowledge: but the heart of the foolish *doeth* not so.

⁹The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

¹⁰The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

¹¹Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.

¹²The grave and destruction are before the Lord: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

¹³A scorner loveth not to be reprov'd: neither will he go unto the wise.

¹⁴A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

¹⁵The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

¹⁶All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart *hath* a continual feast.

¹⁷Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith.

¹⁸Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

¹⁹A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.

²⁰The way of the slothful *man*

is as a hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain.

²¹A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

²²Folly is joy to *him that is* destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

²³Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

²⁴A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* in due season, how good is it!

²⁵The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from the grave beneath.

²⁶The Lord will pull down the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

²⁷The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord: but pleasant words are pure.

²⁸He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

²⁹The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

³⁰The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

³¹The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: and a good report maketh the bones fat.

³²The ear that heareth the re-

proof of life abideth among the wise.

³²He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

³³The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

16 The plans of the heart belong to man, and the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.

²All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits.

³Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

⁴The Lord hath made every thing for his purpose: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

⁵Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

⁶By mercy and truth iniquity is forgiven: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.

⁷When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

⁸Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

⁹A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.

¹⁰A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.

¹¹A just weight and balance are the Lord's: all the weights of the bag are his work.

¹²It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.

¹³Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.

¹⁴The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.

¹⁵In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.

¹⁶How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

¹⁷The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

¹⁸Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

¹⁹Better it is to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

²⁰He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.

²¹The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

²²Understanding is a fountain of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.

²³The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

¹⁵Pleasant words *are as a* honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

¹⁶There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *is the ways of death.*

¹⁷The desire of the labourer laboureth for him; for his mouth urgeth him on.

¹⁸A wicked man diggeth up evil; and in his lips *there is a burning fire.*

¹⁹A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth familiar friends.

²⁰A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him unto the way *that is not good.*

²¹He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.

²²The hoary head *is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.*

²³*He that is slow to anger is* better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

²⁴The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof *is of the Lord.*

17 Better *is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than a house full of sacrifices with strife.*

²A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

³The refining pot *is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts.*

⁴A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a mischievous tongue.

⁵Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.

⁶Children's children *are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.*

⁷Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.

⁸A gift *is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.*

⁹He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.

¹⁰A reproof entereth more into a wise man than a hundred stripes into a fool.

¹¹An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

¹²Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.

¹³Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

¹⁴The beginning of strife *is as* when one letteth out water: therefore leave off a quarrel before it is enkindled.

¹⁵He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the Lord.

¹⁴Wherefore *is there* a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he hath* no heart to it?

¹⁵A friend loveth at all times, and as a brother is he born for adversity.

¹⁶A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend.

¹⁷He loveth transgression that loveth strife: and he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

¹⁸He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.

¹⁹He that begetteth a fool *doeth* it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

²⁰A merry heart doth good *like* a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

²¹A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

²²Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.

²³A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bore him.

²⁴To punish the righteous or to smite the noble even according to justice is not pleasant.

²⁵He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of a cool spirit.

²⁶Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise:

and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding

18 He that separateth himself seeketh *his own* desire, and rageth against all wisdom.

²A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

³When the wicked cometh, then cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

⁴The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the fountain of wisdom as a flowing brook.

⁵It is not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

⁶A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

⁷A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

⁸The words of a slanderer are as strokes, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

⁹He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

¹⁰The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

¹¹The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as a high wall in his own conceit.

¹²Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.

¹³He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.

¹⁴The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

¹⁵The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

¹⁶A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

¹⁷He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

¹⁸The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

¹⁹A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle.

²⁰A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

²¹Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

²²Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.

²³The poor useth entreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.

²⁴There are friends only for keeping company: but there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

19 Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

¹Also, that the soul be without

knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteneth with his feet sinneth.

³The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the Lord.

⁴Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.

⁵A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

⁶Many will entreat the favour of the prince: and every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.

⁷All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth them with words, yet they are wanting to him.

⁸He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

⁹A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish.

¹⁰Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

¹¹The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

¹²The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is as dew upon the grass.

¹³A foolish son is the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

¹⁴House and riches are the in-

heritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the Lord.

¹⁵Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

¹⁶He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but he that despiseth his ways shall die.

¹⁷He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him back.

¹⁸Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

¹⁹A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver him, yet thou must do it again.

²⁰Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

²¹There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.

²²The charm of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.

²³The fear of the Lord *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

²⁴A slothful *man* hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

²⁵Smite a scorner, and the simple will become prudent: and reprove one that hath understand-

ing, and he will understand knowledge.

²⁶He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

²⁷Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.

²⁸An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.

²⁹Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.

20 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whoso ever indulgeth therein is not wise.

²The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: *whoso* provoketh him to anger sinneth *against* his own soul.

³It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool enrageth himself.

⁴The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; *therefore* shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

⁵Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

⁶Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

⁷The just *man* walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

⁸A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

⁹Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

¹⁰Divers weights, *and* divers measures, both of them *are* alike abomination to the Lord.

¹¹Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right.

¹²The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them.

¹³Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

¹⁴*It is* bad, *it is* had, saith the buyer; but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

¹⁵There is gold, and a multitude of pearls: but the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

¹⁶Take his garment that is surety *for* a stranger: and take a pledge of him *for* a strange woman.

¹⁷Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

¹⁸*Every* purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.

¹⁹He that goeth about *as* a tale-bearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

²⁰Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

²¹An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

²²Say not thou, I will recompense evil: *but* wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee.

²³Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the Lord; and a false balance *is* not good.

²⁴Man's goings *are* of the Lord; but man, how can he understand his own way?

²⁵*It is* a snare to a man rashly to pronounce *a thing* holy, and vows must be inquired into carefully.

²⁶A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

²⁷The spirit of man *is* the lamp of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

²⁸Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne *is* upheld by mercy.

²⁹The glory of young men *is* their strength: and the beauty of old men *is* the grey head.

³⁰The bruises of a wound cleanse away evil: so *do* stripes the inward parts of the belly.

21 The king's heart *is* in the hand of the Lord, *as* the streams of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

²Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts.

³To do justice and judgment *is* more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

⁴A high look, and proud heart, *even* the light of the wicked, *is* sin.

⁵The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want.

⁶The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a breath tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

⁷The destruction of the wicked shall drag them away; because they refuse to do judgment.

⁸The way of man *is* froward and strange: but *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.

⁹*It is* better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

¹⁰The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.

¹¹When the scorner is punished, the simple *is* made wise: and when the wise *is* instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

¹²The righteous *man* wisely considereth the house of the wicked: but God overthroweth the wicked for *their* wickedness.

¹³Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

¹⁴A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom stirs wrath.

¹⁵*It is* joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

¹⁶The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

¹⁷He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

¹⁸The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

¹⁹*It is* better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

²⁰*There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man swalloweth it up.

²¹He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

²²A wise *man* scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

²³Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

²⁴Proud and haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.

²⁵The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

²⁶He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

²⁷The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?

²⁸A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth shall speak constantly.

²⁹A wicked man hardeneth his face: but *as for* the upright, he directeth his way.

¹⁰*There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord.*

¹¹*The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but victory is of the Lord.*

22 *A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.*

²*The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all.*

³*A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.*

⁴*The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.*

⁵*Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.*

⁶*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

⁷*The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.*

⁸*He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.*

⁹*He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.*

¹⁰*Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.*

¹¹*He that loveth pureness of heart, that hath grace on his lips, the king shall be his friend.*

¹²*The eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.*

¹³*The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.*

¹⁴*The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the Lord shall fall therein.*

¹⁵*Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.*

¹⁶*He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, shall give to the rich and surely come to want.*

¹⁷*Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.*

¹⁸*For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall together be fitted in thy lips.*

¹⁹*That thy trust may be in the Lord, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.*

²⁰*Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,*

²¹*That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?*

²²*Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:*

²³*For the Lord will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.*

²⁴*Make no friendship with an*

angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

²⁵Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

²⁶Be not thou *one* of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts.

²⁷If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?

²⁸Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.

²⁹Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

23 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee:

²And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite.

³Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat.

⁴Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

⁵Wilt thou set thine eyes upon it? it is gone: for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

⁶Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

⁷For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

⁸The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and

thou hast wasted thy sweet words.

⁹Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

¹⁰Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:

¹¹For their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.

¹²Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

¹³Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beat him with the rod, he shall not die.

¹⁴Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from the grave.

¹⁵My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.

¹⁶Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

¹⁷Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.

¹⁸For surely there is a future; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

¹⁹Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

²⁰Be not among wine-bibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:

²¹For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

²²Hearken unto thy father that

begot thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

¹³Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

¹⁴The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

¹⁵Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bore thee shall rejoice.

¹⁶My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

¹⁷For a harlot is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit.

¹⁸She also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

¹⁹Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath complaints? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

²⁰They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

²¹Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its colour in the cup *when* it moveth itself aright.

²²At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

²³Thine eyes shall behold strange things, and thine heart shall utter perversities.

²⁴Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the

sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

²⁵They have stricken me, *shalt thou say*, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

24 Be not thou envious of evil men, neither desire to be with them.

²For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

³Through wisdom is a house built; and by understanding it is established:

⁴And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

⁵A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

⁶For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

⁷Wisdom is too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.

⁸He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.

⁹The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men.

¹⁰If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

¹¹If thou forbear to deliver *them that are drawn unto death*, and *those that are ready to be slain*;

¹²If thou sayest, Behold, we

knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

¹³My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy palate:

¹⁴So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a future, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

¹⁵Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting-place:

¹⁶For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

¹⁷Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:

¹⁸Lest the Lord see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

¹⁹Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious of the wicked;

²⁰For there shall be no future to the evil man: the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

²¹My son, fear thou the Lord and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:

²²For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

²³These things also belong to the wise.

It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

²⁴He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the peoples curse, nations shall abhor him:

²⁵But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.

²⁶Every man shall kiss the lips of him that giveth a right answer.

²⁷Prepare thy work without, and make it ready for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

²⁸Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.

²⁹Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

³⁰I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

³¹And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

³²Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.

³³Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

³⁴So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

25 These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

¹*It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.*

²*The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable.*

³*Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.*

⁴*Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.*

⁵*Glorify not thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men:*

⁶*For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.*

⁷*Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.*

⁸*Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and reveal not the secret of another.*

⁹*Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not back.*

¹⁰*A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in ornaments of silver.*

¹¹*As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprovcr upon an obedient ear.*

¹²*As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him:*

for he refresheth the soul of his masters.

¹³*Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain.*

¹⁴*By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.*

¹⁵*Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.*

¹⁶*Make thy foot rare in thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.*

¹⁷*A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.*

¹⁸*Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.*

¹⁹*As he that putteth off a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre, so is he that singeth songs to a heavy heart.*

²⁰*If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:*

²¹*For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee.*

²²*The north wind bringeth forth rain: so doth a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.*

²³*It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.*

²⁴*As cold waters to a thirsty*

soul, so is good news from a far country.

²⁶A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.

²⁷It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory.

²⁸He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken in, and is without walls.

26 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.

²As the bird that wandereth, as the swallow that flieth, returneth to her nest, so the curse that is causeless shall come again to him that hath cursed.

³A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

⁴Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

⁵Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes.

⁶He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, and drinketh damage.

⁷The legs of the lame hang loose: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

⁸As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so is he that giveth honour to a fool.

⁹As a thorn that cometh into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

¹⁰A master worker produceth

all things; but he that hireth a fool is as he that hireth idle wanderers.

¹¹As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool repeateth his folly.

¹²Seest thou a man wise in his own eyes? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

¹³The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets.

¹⁴As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.

¹⁵The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it wearieth him to bring it again to his mouth.

¹⁶The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men that can render a reason.

¹⁷He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

¹⁸As a mad man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death:

¹⁹So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?

²⁰Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no tablebearer, the strife ceaseth.

²¹As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

²²The words of a slanderer are as strokes, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

²³Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross.

²⁴He that hateth dissembleth

with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;

²⁰When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for *there are seven abominations in his heart.*

²¹*Whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewn before the *whole congregation.*

²²Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

²³A lying tongue hateth *those that are* crushed by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

27 Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

²Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

³A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than they both.

⁴Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?

⁵Open rebuke is better than secret love.

⁶Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are abundant.

⁷The full soul loatheth a honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

⁸As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place.

⁹Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend *that cometh of* hearty counsel.

¹⁰Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: *for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.*

¹¹My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

¹²A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

¹³Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

¹⁴He that greeteth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

¹⁵A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

¹⁶He that would restrain her restraineth the wind, and inviteth ointment for his right hand.

¹⁷Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

¹⁸Whoso keepeth the fig-tree shall eat the fruit thereof; so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

¹⁹As in water face *answereth* to face, so the heart of man to man.

²⁰Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

²¹The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold, and a

man is tried according to his praise.

²²Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among grains with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

²³Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.

²⁴For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure to every generation?

²⁵The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.

²⁶The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of the field.

²⁷And thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the maintenance for thy maidens.

28 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

²For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.

³A poor man that oppresseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

⁴They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

⁵Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the Lord understand all things.

⁶Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that

is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

⁷Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of gluttons shameth his father.

⁸He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

⁹He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

¹⁰Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession.

¹¹The rich man is wise in his own eyes; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

¹²When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.

¹³He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

¹⁴Happy is the man that feareth always: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

¹⁵As a roaring lion, and a roaming bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

¹⁶The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.

¹⁷A man that is burdened with the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

¹⁸Whoso walketh uprightly shall he saved: but *he that is perverse in his ways shall fall in one of them.*

¹⁹He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain *persons* shall have poverty enough.

²⁰A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not go unpunished.

²¹To have respect of persons is not good: for, for a piece of bread will a man transgress.

²²He that *hath* an evil eye hasteneth after riches, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

²³He that rebuketh a man shall afterwards find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

²⁴Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is no transgression*; the same is the companion of a destroyer.

²⁵He that is of a proud heart stirrell up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the Lord shall be made fat.

²⁶He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

²⁷He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

²⁸When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

29 He, that being often reproved hardeneth *his* neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and

that without remedy.

²When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

³Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth *his* substance.

⁴The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

⁵A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.

⁶In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

⁷The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know *it*.

⁸Scornful men stir up a city into strife: but wise *men* turn away wrath.

⁹If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, *there is* no rest.

¹⁰The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

¹¹A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise *man* keepeth it back.

¹²If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants *are* wicked.

¹³The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the Lord lighteneth the eyes of both of them.

¹⁴The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

¹⁵The rod and reproof give wis-

dom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

¹⁶When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.

¹⁷Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

¹⁸Where *there is* no vision, the people cast off restraint: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

¹⁹A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.

²⁰Seest thou a man *that is* hasty in his words? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

²¹He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become *his* son at the length.

²²An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

²³A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

²⁴Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and betrayeth it not.

²⁵The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

²⁶Many seek the ruler's favour; but *every* man's judgment cometh from the Lord.

²⁷An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and *he that is* upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

30 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal,

¹Surely I *am* more brutish than *any* man, and have not the understanding of a man.

²I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.

³Who hath ascended up into heaven, and descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

⁴Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

⁵Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

⁶Two *things* have I required of thee; deny me *them* not before I die:

⁷Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the bread allotted unto me:

⁸Lest I be full, and deny *thee*, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God *in vain*.

⁹Slander not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

¹⁰There is a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

¹¹There is a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet* are not washed from their filthiness.

¹⁸*There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.*

¹⁹*There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their fangs as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.*

²⁰The leech hath two daughters, *crying*, Give, give. There are three *things* that are never satisfied, yea, four *things* that never say, Enough:

²¹The grave; and the barren womb; the earth *that* is not satisfied with water; and the fire *that* saith not, Enough.

²²The eye *that* mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

²³There are three *things* which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not:

²⁴The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a young woman.

²⁵Such *is* the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

²⁶For three *things* the earth is disquieted, and for four *which* it cannot bear:

²⁷For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat;

²⁸For an odious woman when she is married; and a handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

²⁹There are four *things* which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise:

³⁰The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;

³¹The conies *are* but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;

³²The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;

³³The spider weaveth with its hands, and is in kings' palaces.

³⁴There are three *things* which go well, yea, four are comely in going:

³⁵A lion *which* is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;

³⁶The strong-loined greyhound; the he-goat also; and a king, against whom *there* is no rising up.

³⁷If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, *lay* thine hand upon thy mouth.

³⁸Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

31 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.

¹What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?

²Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.

³*It* is not for kings, O Lemuel,

it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes to desire strong drink:

⁵Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

⁶Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that are of heavy hearts.

⁷Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

⁸Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.

⁹Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

¹⁰Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above pearls.

¹¹The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

¹²She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

¹³She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

¹⁴She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

¹⁵She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

¹⁶She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

¹⁷She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

¹⁸She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

¹⁹She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

²⁰She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

²¹She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

²²She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is linen and purple.

²³Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

²⁴She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles, unto the merchant.

²⁵Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

²⁶She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

²⁷She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

²⁸Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

²⁹Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

³⁰Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

³¹Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. ²And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. ³His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east. ⁴And his sons went and feasted in *their* houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. ⁵And it was so, when the days of *their* feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

⁶Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. ⁷And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the

earth, and from walking up and down in it. ⁸And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? ⁹Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? ¹⁰Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. ¹¹But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. ¹²And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath *is* in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.

¹³And there was a day when his sons and his daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: ¹⁴And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them: ¹⁵And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell

thee. ¹⁶While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

¹⁷While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three divisions, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

¹⁸While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: ¹⁹And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

²⁰Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, ²¹And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. ²²With all this Job sinned not, nor laid folly to God.

2 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord. ²And the Lord said unto Satan, From whence comest thou?

And Satan answered the Lord and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. ³And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. ⁴And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. ⁵But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. ⁶And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he *is* in thine hand; but save his life.

⁷So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. ⁸And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes. ⁹Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. ¹⁰But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? With all this did not Job sin with his lips.

¹¹Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the

Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him. ¹²And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven. ¹³So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spoke a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

3 After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.

⁴And Job spoke, and said,

⁵Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man-child conceived.

⁶Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

⁷Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

⁸As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

⁹Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein.

¹⁰Let them curse it that curse the day, who are skilful to rouse leviathan.

¹¹Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let

it see the eyelids of the dawn.

¹²Because it shut not up the doors of my mother's womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.

¹³Why died I not from the womb? why did I not expire when I came out of the belly?

¹⁴Why did the knees receive me? or why the breasts that I should suck?

¹⁵For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest,

¹⁶With kings and counsellors of the earth, who built desolate places for themselves;

¹⁷Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:

¹⁸Or as a hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants that never saw light.

¹⁹There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary are at rest.

²⁰There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

²¹The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master.

²²Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter in soul;

²³Who long for death, but it cometh not; and dig for it more than for hidden treasures;

²⁴Who rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they can find the grave?

²⁵Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden, and whom God hath hedged in?

²⁴For my sighing cometh before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters.

²⁵For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

²⁶I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

4 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

¹If we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking?

²Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands.

³Thy words have upheld him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.

⁴But now it is come upon thee, and thou hast faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

⁵Is not thy fear of God thy confidence, and thy hope the integrity of thy ways?

⁶Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous destroyed?

⁷Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness reap the same.

⁸By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.

⁹The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken.

¹⁰The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the whelps of the lioness are scattered abroad.

¹¹Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof.

¹²In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men.

¹³Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.

¹⁴Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:

¹⁵It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, *there was* silence, and I heard a voice, *saying*,

¹⁶Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?

¹⁷Behold, he putteth no trust in his servants; and his angels he chargeth with folly:

¹⁸How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, *which* are crushed before the moth?

¹⁹They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever without any regarding it.

²⁰Is not their excellency *which* is in them torn away? they die, even without wisdom.

5 Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the holy ones wilt thou turn?

¹For wrath killeth the foolish

man, and envy slayeth the silly one.

⁴I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation.

⁵His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither *is there* any to deliver them.

⁶Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber swalloweth up their substance.

⁷For affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;

⁸But man is born unto trouble, as *sure as* the sparks fly upward.

⁹I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:

¹⁰Who doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number:

¹¹Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields:

¹²To set up on high those that are low; that those that mourn may be exalted to safety.

¹³He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform *their* enterprise.

¹⁴He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.

¹⁵They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night.

¹⁶But he saveth the needy from the sword, from their mouth,

and from the hand of the mighty.

¹⁷So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

¹⁸Behold, happy *is* the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:

¹⁹For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

²⁰He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

²¹In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

²²Thou shalt be hidden from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.

²³At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

²⁴For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

²⁵And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle *shall be* in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.

²⁶Thou shalt know also that thy seed *shall be* great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth.

²⁷Thou shalt come to *thy* grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in its season.

²⁸Lo this, we have searched it, so it *is*; hear it, and know thou it for thy good.

6 But Job answered and said,
²Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together!

³For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea: therefore my words are rash.

⁴For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.

⁵Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder?

⁶Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

⁷My soul refuseth to touch them: they are to me as loathsome meat.

⁸Oh that I might have my request: and that God would grant me the thing that I long for!

⁹Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!

¹⁰This is still my comfort; yea, I would exult: that even in the pain wherein he spareth me not, I have not denied the words of the Holy One.

¹¹What is my strength, that I should hope? and what is mine end, that I should prolong my patience?

¹²Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of brass?

¹³Is not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me?

¹⁴To him that is afflicted pity

should be shewn from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

¹⁵My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they pass away:

¹⁶Which are black by reason of the ice, and wherein the snow is hidden:

¹⁷What time they wax warm, they vanish: when it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.

¹⁸The paths of their way are turned aside: they go to nothing, and perish.

¹⁹The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them.

²⁰They were confounded because they had hoped: they came thither, and were ashamed.

²¹For now ye are nothing; ye see my casting down, and are afraid.

²²Did I say, Bring unto me? or, Give a reward for me of your substance?

²³Or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty?

²⁴Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

²⁵How forcible are right words! but what doth your arguing reprove?

²⁶Do ye imagine to reprove words? but the speeches of one that is desperate are as wind?

²⁷Yea, ye overwhelm the fatherless, and ye dig a pit for your friend.

⁸Now therefore be content, look upon me; for I shall not lie to your face.

⁹Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again, my righteousness is in it.

¹⁰Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot my taste discern perverse things?

7 *Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of a hireling?*

¹As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as a hireling looketh for the reward of his work:

²So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

³When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

⁴My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome.

⁵My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.

⁶O remember that my life is wind: mine eye shall no more see good.

⁷The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no more: thine eyes are upon me, and I am not.

⁸As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.

⁹He shall return no more to

his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

¹⁰Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

¹¹Am I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me?

¹²When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall help me bear my complaint;

¹³Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions:

¹⁴So that my soul chooseth strangling, and death rather than my life.

¹⁵I loathe it; I would not live always: let me alone; for my days are vanity.

¹⁶What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?

¹⁷And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment?

¹⁸How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?

¹⁹I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark for thee, so that I am a burden to myself?

²⁰And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me, but I shall not be.

8 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

⁹How long wilt thou speak these things? and *how long shall* the words of thy mouth *be like* a strong wind?

¹⁰Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?

¹¹If thy children sinned against him, he cast them away for their transgression;

¹²If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty;

¹³If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

¹⁴Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

¹⁵For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers:

¹⁶(For we *are but* of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth *are* a shadow:)

¹⁷Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?

¹⁸Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water?

¹⁹Whilst it is yet in its greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb.

²⁰So *are* the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish:

²¹Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust *shall be* a spider's web.

²²He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.

²³He *is* green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden.

²⁴His roots are wrapped about a heap, he chooseth a place of stones.

²⁵If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee.

²⁶Behold, this *is* the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow.

²⁷Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evil-doers:

²⁸Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing.

²⁹They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling-place of the wicked shall come to nought.

9 Then Job answered and said,

¹I know *it is* so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?

²If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.

³He *is* wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?

⁴Who removeth the mountains, and they know not: who overturneth them in his anger.

⁵Who shaketh the earth out of

its place, and the pillars thereof tremble.

⁷Who commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars.

⁸Who alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

⁹Who maketh the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

¹⁰Who doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

¹¹Lo, he goeth by me, and I see *him* not: he passeth on also, but I perceive him not.

¹²Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?

¹³*If* God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him.

¹⁴How much less shall I answer him, *and* choose out my words *to reason* with him?

¹⁵Whom, though I were righteous, *yet* would I not answer, *but* I would make supplication to my judge.

¹⁶*If* I had called, and he had answered me; *yet* would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.

¹⁷For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause.

¹⁸He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness.

¹⁹*If I speak* of strength, lo, he is strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time *to plead*?

²⁰Though I be just, mine own mouth shall condemn me: though I be perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.

²¹Am I perfect? I know it not myself; I despise my life.

²²This is one *thing*, therefore I said *it*, He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.

²³*If* the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent.

²⁴The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, who is it then?

²⁵Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.

²⁶They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle *that* dasheth upon the prey.

²⁷*If* I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my *sad* countenance, and comfort *myself*:

²⁸I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.

²⁹*If* I be wicked, why then labour I in vain?

³⁰*If* I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands clean with lye;

³¹Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me.

³²For *he* is not a man, as I *am*, *that* I should answer him, *and* we should come together in judgment.

³³Neither is there any umpire betwixt us, *that* might lay his hand upon us both.

³⁴Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me:

³⁵*Then* would I speak, and not fear him; but *it is* not so with me.

10 My soul is weary of my life; I will let loose my complaint over myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

²I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.

³*Is it* good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?

⁴Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth?

⁵*Are thy days as the days of man? are thy years as man's days.*

⁶That thou inquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin?

⁷Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and *there is* none that can deliver out of thine hand.

⁸Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.

⁹Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and unto dust thou wilt bring me again.

¹⁰Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?

¹¹Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast knit me with bones and sinews.

¹²Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

¹³And these *things* hast thou hidden in thine heart: I know that this *is* with thee.

¹⁴If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.

¹⁵If I be wicked, woe unto me; and *if* I be righteous, *yet* will I not lift up my head. I *am* full of shame; therefore see thou mine affliction;

¹⁶And if *my head* lift up itself, thou huntest me as a fierce lion: and again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon me.

¹⁷Thou renewest thy witnesses against me, and increasest thine indignation upon me; changes and war *are* against me.

¹⁸Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had expired, and no eye had seen me!

¹⁹I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.

²⁰*Are not my days few? cease then, and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little,*

²¹Before I go *whence* I shall not return, *even* to the land of darkness and the shadow of death;

²²A land of darkness, as darkness *itself*; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and *where* the light *is* as darkness.

11 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

¹Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified?

²Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?

³For thou hast said, My doctrine *is* pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.

⁴But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee;

⁵And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, for sound wisdom is double! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee *less* than thine iniquity *deserveth*.

⁶Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

⁷*It is* as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?

⁸The measure thereof *is* longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

⁹If he pass by and surrender, or gather together, then who can hinder him?

¹⁰For he knoweth vain men: he seeth wickedness also; will he not then consider *it*?

¹¹For can vain man be wise? and the wild ass's colt be born into a man?

¹²If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him;

¹³If iniquity *be* in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.

¹⁴For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:

¹⁵Because thou shalt forget *thy* misery, and remember *it* as waters that pass away:

¹⁶And *thine* age shall rise above the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

¹⁷And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt search *about thee*, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.

¹⁸Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make *thee* afraid; yea, many shall make suit unto thee.

¹⁹But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and escape shall vanish from them, and their hope *shall be as* an expiring breath.

12 And Job answered and said,

¹Are but ye *alone* the people, and wisdom shall die with you?

²I also have understanding as well as you; I *am* not inferior to you; yea, who knoweth not such things as these?

³I *am as* one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the just, the upright man is a laughing stock.

⁴For misfortune there is contempt in the thought of him that is at ease; it is ready for them whose foot slippeth.

⁵The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke

God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth *abundantly*.

⁷But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:

⁸Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

⁹Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this?

¹⁰In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

¹¹Doth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste its meat?

¹²With the aged men is wisdom; and in length of days understanding.

¹³With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.

¹⁴Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening.

¹⁵Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.

¹⁶With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his.

¹⁷He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools.

¹⁸He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle.

¹⁹He leadeth priests away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty.

²⁰He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged.

²¹He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty.

²²He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.

²³He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he spreadeth the nations, and leadeth them away.

²⁴He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness *where there is no way*.

²⁵They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.

13 Lo, mine eye hath seen all *this*, mine ear hath heard and understood it.

²What ye know, *the* same do I know also: I *am* not inferior unto you.

³Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

⁴But ye *are* forgers of lies, ye *are* all physicians of no value.

⁵O that ye would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom.

⁶Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

⁷Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him?

⁸Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God?

⁹Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye *so* mock him?

¹⁰He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons.

¹¹Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?

¹²Your remembrances *are* like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

¹³Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what *will*.

¹⁴Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand?

¹⁵Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

¹⁶He *also shall be* my salvation: for a hypocrite shall not come before him.

¹⁷Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears.

¹⁸Behold now, I have ordered *my* cause; I know that I shall be justified.

¹⁹Who *is* he *that* will plead with me? for now, if I keep silence, I shall die.

²⁰Only do not two *things* unto me: then will I not hide myself from thee.

²¹Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid.

²²Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me.

²³How many *are* mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin.

²⁴Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy?

²⁵Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?

²⁶For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to inherit the iniquities of my youth.

²⁷Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou drawest a line about the soles of my feet.

²⁸And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth-eaten.

14 Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble.

²He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

³And dost thou open thine eyes upon such a one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?

⁴Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one.

⁵Seeing his days *are* determined the number of his months *are* with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

⁶Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as a hireling, his day.

⁷For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout

again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

⁸Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;

⁹Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a new plant.

¹⁰But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man expires, and where is he?

¹¹As the waters fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and become dry;

¹²So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

¹³O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

¹⁴If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

¹⁵Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

¹⁶For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?

¹⁷My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou addest to mine iniquity.

¹⁸And surely the mountain falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of its place.

¹⁹The waters wear the stones; the floods thereof wash away the

dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.

²⁰Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

²¹His sons come to honour, and he knoweth *it* not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth *it* not of them.

²²But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

15 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

²Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

³Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?

⁴Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God.

⁵For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.

⁶Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

⁷Art thou the first man *that* was born? or wast thou made before the hills?

⁸Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself?

⁹What knowest thou, that we know not? *what* understandest thou, which *is* not in us?

¹⁰With us *are* both the gray-headed and very aged men, much older than thy father.

¹¹*Are* the consolations of God

too small for thee, and the word *which* he hath spoken softly with thee?

¹²Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thine eyes wink at,

¹³That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest *such* words go out of thy mouth?

¹⁴What *is* man, that he should be clean? and *he who is* born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

¹⁵Behold, he putteth no trust in his holy ones; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

¹⁶How much more *he that is* abominable and filthy, a man who drinketh iniquity like water?

¹⁷I will tell thee, hear me; and that *which* I have seen I will declare;

¹⁸Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hidden it:

¹⁹Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.

²⁰The wicked man travaileth with pain all *his* days, and few years are reserved to the oppressor.

²¹A dreadful sound *is* in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.

²²He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.

²³He wandereth abroad for bread, *saying*, Where *is* it? he knoweth that the day of dark-

ness is ready at his hand.

²⁴Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.

²⁵For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty.

²⁶He runneth against him with a *stiff* neck, with the thick bosses of his bucklers:

²⁷Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collops of fat on *his* flanks.

²⁸And he dwelleth in desolate cities, *and* in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps.

²⁹He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall their prosperity extend in the earth.

³⁰He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

³¹Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompense.

³²It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green.

³³He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.

³⁴For the congregation of hypocrites *shall be* desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.

³⁵They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

16 Then Job answered and said,
²I have heard many such things: miserable comforters *are* ye all.

³Shall vain words have an end? or what forceth thee that thou answerest?

⁴I also could speak as ye *do*: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you.

⁵But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage *your* grief.

⁶Though I speak, my grief is not assuaged: and *though* I forbear, what am I eased?

⁷But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company.

⁸And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, *which* is a witness against me: and my leanness riseth up against me; it beareth witness to my face.

⁹He teareth *me* in his wrath, who hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me.

¹⁰They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.

¹¹God hath delivered me to the perverse, and cast me down into the hands of the wicked.

¹²I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken *me* by my neck, and shaken

me to pieces, and set me up for his mark.

¹³His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground.

¹⁴He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a mighty man.

¹⁵I have sewn sackcloth upon my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust.

¹⁶My face is red with weeping, and on my eyelids *is* the shadow of death;

¹⁷Not for *any* injustice in mine hands: also my prayer *is* pure.

¹⁸O earth, cover not thou my blood, and let my cry have no place.

¹⁹Also now, behold, my witness *is* in heaven, and my testifier *is* on high.

²⁰Mine intercessors *are* my friends; *but* mine eye poureth out tears unto God.

²¹O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man *pleadeth* for his neighbour!

²²When a few years are come, then I shall go the way *whence* I shall not return.

17 My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the grave *is ready* for me.

²Surely there are mockers with me, and mine eye doth continue in their provocation.

³Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who *is* he *that* will strike hands with me?

⁴For thou hast hidden their

heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt *them*.

⁹He that speaketh flattery to *his* friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.

¹⁰He hath made me also a by-word of the people; and I am become a horror to *every* face.

¹¹Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members are as a shadow.

¹²Upright *men* shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.

¹³The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.

¹⁴But as for you all, do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find *one* wise *man* among you.

¹⁵My days are past, my purposes are broken off, *even* the thoughts of my heart.

¹⁶They change the night into day: the light is near because of darkness.

¹⁷If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.

¹⁸I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister.

¹⁹And where is now my hope? *as* for my hope, who shall see it?

²⁰They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when *our* rest together is in the dust.

18 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

¹How long will it be ere ye

make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak.

²Wherefore are we counted as beasts, and reputed vile in your sight?

³He teareth himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of its place?

⁴Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

⁵The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him.

⁶The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down.

⁷For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare.

⁸The gin shall take *him* by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against him.

⁹The snare is laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.

¹⁰Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his feet.

¹¹His strength shall be hunger-bitten, and destruction shall be ready at his side.

¹²It shall devour the strength of his skin: *even* the first-born of death shall devour his strength.

¹³His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors.

¹⁴It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because *it* is none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.

¹⁶His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off.

¹⁷His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.

¹⁸He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.

¹⁹He shall neither have son nor grandson among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.

²⁰They that come after him shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted.

²¹Surely such *are* the dwellings of the wicked, and this *is* the place of him that knoweth not God.

19 Then Job answered and said,

²How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?

³These ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed that ye make yourselves strange to me.

⁴And be it indeed that I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself.

⁵If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my reproach:

⁶Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net.

⁷Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but *there is* no judgment.

⁸He hath fenced up my way

that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths.

⁹He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head.

¹⁰He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath he plucked up like a tree.

¹¹He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counteth me unto him as *one* of his enemies.

¹²His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.

¹³He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintances are verily estranged from me.

¹⁴My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.

¹⁵They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight.

¹⁶I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I entreated him with my mouth.

¹⁷My breath is strange to my wife, and my supplication to the children of mine own body.

¹⁸Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spoke against me.

¹⁹All my intimate friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me.

²⁰My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

²¹Have pity upon me, have pity

upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me.

²²Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

²³Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

²⁶And after they have thus destroyed my skin, yet from my flesh shall I see God:

²⁷Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

²⁸But ye should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me?

²⁹Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know there is a judgment.

20 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

²Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, even because of my excitement in me.

³I have heard the reproof of my shame, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer.

⁴Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon earth,

⁵That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?

⁶Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds;

⁷Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they that have seen him shall say, Where is he?

⁸He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

⁹The eye also which saw him shall see him no more; neither shall his place any more behold him.

¹⁰His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods.

¹¹His bones are full of the vigour of his youth, but it shall lie down with him in the dust.

¹²Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue;

¹³Though he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still within his mouth:

¹⁴Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of asps within him.

¹⁵He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly.

¹⁶He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall slay him.

¹⁷He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter.

¹⁸That which he laboured for shall he restore, and shall not swallow it down: according to his

substance *shall* the restitution *be*, and he shall not rejoice *therein*.

¹⁹Because he hath oppressed and hath forsaken the poor; *because* he hath violently taken away a house which he built not;

²⁰Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of that which he desired.

²¹There shall none of his meat be left; therefore his prosperity shall not last.

²²In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the wretched shall come upon him.

²³When he is about to fill his belly, God shall cast the fury of his wrath upon him, and shall rain it upon him while he is eating.

²⁴He shall flee from the iron weapon, and the bow of steel shall strike him through.

²⁵It is drawn, and cometh out of the body; yea, the glittering sword cometh out of his gall: terrors *are* upon him.

²⁶All darkness *shall be* hidden for his treasures: a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with him that is left in his tabernacle.

²⁷The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up not last.

²⁸The increase of his house shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath.

²⁹This *is* the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God.

21 But Job answered and said ²Hear diligently my speech and let this be your consolations

³Suffer me that I may speak and after that I have spoken mock on.

⁴As for me, *is* my complaint to man? and if *it were so*, why should not my spirit be troubled?

⁵Mark me, and be astonished and lay *your* hand upon *your* mouth.

⁶Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh.

⁷Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power?

⁸Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes.

⁹Their houses *are* safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them.

¹⁰Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.

¹¹They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

¹²They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.

¹³They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.

¹⁴Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

¹⁵What *is* the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what

profit should we have, if we pray unto him?

¹⁰Lo, their good *is* not in their hand: the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

¹¹How oft is the lamp of the wicked put out! and *how oft* cometh their destruction upon them! God distributeth sorrows in his anger.

¹²They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away.

¹³God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know *it*.

¹⁴His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

¹⁵For what pleasure *hath* he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst?

¹⁶Shall *any one* teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high.

¹⁷One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

¹⁸His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.

¹⁹And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.

²⁰They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

²¹Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices *which* ye wrongfully imagine against me.

²²For ye say, Where *is* the house of the liberal man? and

where *are* the dwelling-places of the wicked?

²³Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens,

²⁴That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be led forth to the day of wrath.

²⁵Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him *what* he hath done?

²⁶Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

²⁷The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw unto him, as *there are* innumerable before him.

²⁸How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth falsehood?

22 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

¹Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself?

²*Is it* any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or *is it* gain *to him*, that thou makest thy ways perfect?

³Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment?

⁴*Is not* thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite?

⁵For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

⁶Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast

withheld bread from the hungry.

⁸But *as for* the mighty man, he had the earth; and the honourable man dwelt in it.

⁹Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

¹⁰Therefore snares *are* round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee;

¹¹Or darkness, *that* thou canst not see; and abundance of waters cover thee.

¹²Is not God in the height of heaven? and, behold, the height of the stars, how high they are!

¹³And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud?

¹⁴Thick clouds *are* a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven.

¹⁵Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden?

¹⁶Who were cut off before their time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood:

¹⁷Who said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them?

¹⁸Yet he filled their houses with good *things*: but the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

¹⁹The righteous see *it*, and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn.

²⁰Whereas our substance is not cut down, but the remnant of them the fire consumeth.

²¹Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace; thereby good shall come unto thee.

²²Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart.

²³If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up: thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles.

²⁴And lay thou thy precious ore in the dust, and the gold of Ophir *among* the stones of the brooks;

²⁵And the Almighty shall be thy gold-ore, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.

²⁶For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God.

²⁷Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

²⁸Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

²⁹When *men* are cast down, then thou shalt say, *There is* lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.

³⁰He shall deliver *even* him that is not innocent: and he shall be delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

23 Then Job answered and said, ²Even to-day *is* my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning.

³Oh that I knew where I might find him! *that* I might come *even* to his seat!

⁴I would order *my* cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

⁵I would know the words *which* he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

⁶Will he plead against me with *his* great power? No; but he would put *strength* in me.

⁷There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

⁸Behold, I go forward, but he is not *there*; and backward, but I cannot perceive him:

⁹On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold *him*: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see *him*:

¹⁰But he knoweth the way that I take: *when* he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

¹¹My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.

¹²Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips: I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary *food*.

¹³But he is in one *mind*, and who can turn him? and *what* his soul desireth, even *that* he doeth.

¹⁴For he performeth *the thing* that is appointed for me: and many such *things* are with him.

¹⁵Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.

¹⁶For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me:

¹⁷Because I was not cut off before the darkness, *neither* hath

he covered the darkness from my face.

24 Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?

²*Some* remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed them.

³They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

⁴They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together.

⁵Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness *yieldeth* food for them *and* for their children.

⁶They reap *every one* his fodder in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked.

⁷They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that *they have* no covering in the cold.

⁸They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

⁹They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor.

¹⁰They cause *him* to go naked without clothing, and they that carry the sheaf *are* hungry;

¹¹*Who* make oil within their walls, and tread *their* wine-presses, and suffer thirst.

¹²Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly to them.

¹³They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.

¹⁴The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.

¹⁵The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me; and disguiseth *his* face.

¹⁶In the dark they dig through houses; they shut themselves up in the daytime: they know not the light.

¹⁷For the morning is to all of them as the shadow of death: if *one* know *them*, *they are in* the terrors of the shadow of death.

¹⁸He is swift upon the face of the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he regardeth not the way of the vineyards.

¹⁹Drought and heat consume the snow waters: *so doth* the grave *those that* have sinned.

²⁰The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.

²¹He offendeth the barren woman *that* beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow.

²²He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no *man* is sure of life.

²³*Though* it be given him *to be* in safety, whereon he resteth: yet his eyes *are* upon their ways.

²⁴They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought

low; they are gathered in as all *others*, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.

²⁵And if *it be* not *so* now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

25 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

²Dominion and fear *are* with him, he maketh peace in his high places.

³Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise?

⁴How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean *that is* born of a woman?

⁵Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.

⁶How much less man, *that is* a worm? and the son of man, *that is* a worm?

26 But Job answered and said,

²How hast thou helped *him that is* without power? *how* savest thou the arm *that hath* no strength?

³How hast thou counselled *him that hath* no wisdom? and *how* hast thou plentifully declared knowledge?

⁴To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?

⁵The dead are moved beneath the waters, and the inhabitants thereof.

⁶The grave is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.

⁷He stretched out the north

over the empty place, *and* hangeth the earth upon nothing.

⁸He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

⁹He holdeth back the face of his throne, *and* spreadeth his cloud upon it.

¹⁰He hath compassed the waters with bounds unto the end of light and darkness.

¹¹The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof.

¹²He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud.

¹³By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

¹⁴Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

27 And Job again took up his discourse, and said,

²As God liveth, *who* hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, *who* hath vexed my soul;

³All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God *is* in my nostrils;

⁴My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

⁵God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me,

⁶My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach *me* so long as I live.

⁷Let mine enemy be as the

wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.

⁸For what *is* the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?

⁹Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

¹⁰Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God?

¹¹I will teach you concerning the hand of God: *that* which *is* with the Almighty will I not conceal.

¹²Behold, all ye yourselves have seen *it*, why then are ye thus altogether vain?

¹³This *is* the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, *which* they shall receive of the Almighty.

¹⁴If his children be multiplied, *it is* for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

¹⁵Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep.

¹⁶Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay;

¹⁷He may prepare *it*, but the just shall put *it* on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.

¹⁸He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth *that* the keeper maketh.

¹⁹The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he *is* not.

²⁰Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night.

²¹The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place.

²²For *God* shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.

²³*Men* shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

28 Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold *where* they refine it.

²Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten *out of* the stone.

³He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.

⁴They break a shaft far away from the inhabitants, forgotten by the foot *of man*, they hang far from man, they swing to and fro.

⁵*As for* the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire.

⁶The stones of it *are* the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold.

⁷*There is* a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:

⁸The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

⁹He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.

¹⁰He cutteth out rivers among

the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.

¹¹He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and *the thing that is* hidden bringeth he forth to light.

¹²But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?

¹³Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

¹⁴The depth saith, *It is* not in me: and the sea saith, *It is* not with me.

¹⁵It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed *for* the price thereof.

¹⁶It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

¹⁷The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it *shall not be* for jewels of fine gold.

¹⁸No mention shall be made of coral, or of crystal: for the price of wisdom *is* above pearls.

¹⁹The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

²⁰Whence then cometh wisdom? and where *is* the place of understanding?

²¹Seeing it is hidden from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.

²²Destruction and death *say*, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

²³God understandeth the way

thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.

²⁴For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven;

²⁵To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.

²⁶When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:

²⁷Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

²⁸And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

29 And Job again took up his discourse, and said,

²Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me;

³When his lamp shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;

⁴As I was in the days of my ripeness when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;

⁵When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me;

⁶When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;

⁷When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street!

⁸The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, and stood up.

⁹The princes refrained from

talking, and laid *their* hand on their mouth.

¹⁰The voice of the nobles was hidden, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.

¹¹When the ear heard *me*, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw *me*, it gave witness to me:

¹²Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and *him that had* none to help him.

¹³The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

¹⁴I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.

¹⁵I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.

¹⁶I was a father to the poor: and the cause *which* I knew not I searched out.

¹⁷And I broke the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.

¹⁸Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply *my* days as the sand.

¹⁹My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch.

²⁰My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.

²¹Unto me *men* gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.

²²After my words they spoke not again; and my speech dropped upon them.

²³And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened

their mouth wide as for the latter rain.

²⁴If I laughed at them, they believed it not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down.

²⁵I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.

30 But now *they that are younger* than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.

²Yea, whereto *might* the strength of their hands *profit* me, in whom old age was perished?

³For want and famine *they were* solitary; fleeing into the wilderness *where all is* darkness, ruin, and desolation.

⁴Who cut up salt plants by the bushes, and juniper roots for their meat.

⁵They were driven forth from among men, they cried after him as after a thief;

⁶To dwell in the ravines of the valley, in caves of the earth, and in the rocks.

⁷Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together.

⁸*They were* children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth.

⁹And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword.

¹⁰They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face.

¹¹Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.

¹²Upon *my right hand* rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.

¹³They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no helper.

¹⁴They came upon me as a wide breaking in of waters: in the desolation they rolled themselves upon me.

¹⁵Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue my glory as the wind: and my welfare passeth away as a cloud.

¹⁶And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.

¹⁷My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest.

¹⁸By the great force of my disease is my skin changed: it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.

¹⁹He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes.

²⁰I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not.

²¹Thou art become cruel to me: with thy strong hand thou persecutest me.

²²Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to ride upon it, and dissolvest my strength.

²³For I know *that* thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.

²⁴Surely no prayer *availeth* when he stretcheth *his* hand, though they cry in his destruction.

²⁵Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? was *not* my soul grieved for the poor?

²⁶When I looked for good, then evil came *unto me*: and when I waited for light, there came darkness.

²⁷My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction encountered me.

²⁸I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, *and* I cried in the congregation.

²⁹I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to ostriches.

³⁰My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat.

³¹My harp also is *turned* to mourning, and my pipe into the voice of them that weep.

31 I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I look upon a maid?

²For what portion of God *is there* from above? and *what* inheritance of the Almighty from on high?

³*Is not* destruction to the wicked? and a strange *punishment* to the workers of iniquity?

⁴Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?

⁵If I have walked with false-

hood, or if my foot hath hastened to deceit;

⁶Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.

⁷If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands;

⁸*Then* let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.

⁹If mine heart has been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door;

¹⁰*Then* let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.

¹¹For this *is* a heinous crime; yea, it *is* an iniquity *to be punished* by the judges.

¹²For it *is* a fire *that* consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.

¹³If I did despise the cause of my man-servant or of my maid-servant, when they contended with me;

¹⁴What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?

¹⁵Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?

¹⁶If I have withheld the poor from *their* desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;

¹⁷Or have eaten my morsel alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;

¹⁸(For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a

father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;)

¹⁹If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering;

²⁰If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were *not* warmed with the fleece of my sheep;

²¹If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate:

²²*Then* let mine arm fall from my shoulder-blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone.

²³For destruction *from* God *was* a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure.

²⁴If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, *Thou art* my confidence;

²⁵If I rejoiced because my wealth *was* great, and because mine hand had gotten much;

²⁶If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness;

²⁷And my heart hath been secretly enticed, and my hand *adoringly* touch my mouth.

²⁸This also *were* an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God *that* is above.

²⁹If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him:

³⁰Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul.

³¹If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his

flesh! we cannot be satisfied.

³²The stranger did not lodge in the street: *but* I opened my doors to the traveller.

³³If I covered my transgression like a man, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:

³⁴Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, *and* went not out of the door?

³⁵Oh that one would hear me! behold, here is my plea, let the Almighty answer me; and the indictment which mine adversary hath written.

³⁶Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, *and* bind it as a crown to me.

³⁷I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him.

³⁸If my land cry against me, or that the furrows thereof weep together;

³⁹If I have eaten the strength thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to breathe out their soul:

⁴⁰Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley.

The words of Job are ended.

32 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he *was* righteous in his own eyes.

²Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath

kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.

⁸Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

⁹Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were older in days than he.

¹⁰When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled.

¹¹And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said,

I am young in days, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and feared to shew you my knowledge.

¹²I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.

¹³But there is a spirit in man; and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

¹⁴Great men are not always wise; neither do the aged understand judgment.

¹⁵Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will shew my knowledge.

¹⁶Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say.

¹⁷Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, there was none of you that convinced Job, or that answered his words:

¹⁸Lest ye should say, We have

found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man.

¹⁹Now he hath not directed his words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches.

²⁰They were amazed, they answered no more: the words escaped from them.

²¹When I had waited, (for they spoke not, but stood still, and answered no more;)

²²I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew my knowledge.

²³For I am full of words, the spirit within me constraineth me.

²⁴Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.

²⁵I will speak, that I may be relieved: I will open my lips and answer.

²⁶Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

²⁷For I know not to give flattering titles; else would my maker soon take me away.

33 Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words.

²Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth.

³My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

⁴The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

⁵If thou canst answer me, set

thy words in order before me, stand up.

⁹Behold, I am before God even as thou art: I also am formed out of the clay.

¹⁰Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my weight be heavy upon thee.

¹¹Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of *thy words*, saying,

¹²I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is *there* iniquity in me.

¹³Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy.

¹⁴He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths.

¹⁵Behold, *in* this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.

¹⁶Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters.

¹⁷For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet *man* perceiveth it not.

¹⁸In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;

¹⁹Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,

²⁰That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.

²¹He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

²²He is chastened also with pain

upon his bed, and the strife of his bones is violent.

²³So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat.

²⁴His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones *that* were not seen stick out.

²⁵Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

²⁶If there be an interceding angel, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

²⁷Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.

²⁸His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth:

²⁹He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

³⁰He looketh upon men, and if *any* say, I have sinned, and perverted *that which was* right, and it profited me not;

³¹He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

³²Lo, all these *things* worketh God oftentimes with man.

³³To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of living.

³⁴Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.

³⁵If thou hast any thing to say.

answer me: speak, for I desire to justify thee.

³³If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

34 Furthermore Elihu answered and said,

²Hear my words, O ye wise men; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.

³For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat.

⁴Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.

⁵For Job hath said, I am righteous: and God hath taken away my judgment.

⁶Should I lie against my right? mine arrow wound is fatal without transgression.

⁷What man is like Job, who drinketh up scorning like water?

⁸Who goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.

⁹For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.

¹⁰Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, *that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.*

¹¹For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.

¹²Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

¹³Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world?

¹⁴If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;

¹⁵All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

¹⁶If now thou hast understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.

¹⁷Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just?

¹⁸Is it fit to say to a king, *Thou art wicked?* and to princes, *Ye are ungodly?*

¹⁹*How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.*

²⁰In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.

²¹For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.

²²*There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.*

²³For he will not lay upon man more *than right*; that he should enter into judgment with God.

²⁴He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.

²⁵Therefore he knoweth their

works, and he overturneth *them* in the night, so that they are destroyed.

²⁶He striketh them as wicked men in the place where men see them;

²⁷Because they turned back from him, and would not consider any of his ways:

²⁸So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted.

²⁹When he giveth quietness, who then can condemn? and when he hideth *his* face, who then can behold him? whether *it be done* against a nation, or against a man only:

³⁰That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.

³¹Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne *chastisement*, I will not offend *any more*:

³²*That which* I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

³³Shall he recompense it according to thy mind, when thou refusest *his judgment*? Thou shalt choose, and not I, and speak what thou knowest.

³⁴Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.

³⁵Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words *were* without wisdom.

³⁶My desire *is that* Job may be tried unto the end because of *his* answers for wicked men.

³⁷For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth *his hands*

among us, and multiplieth his words against God.

35 Elihu spoke moreover, and said,

⁷Thinkest thou this to be right, *that* thou saidst, My righteousness *is* more than God's?

⁸For thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? *and*, What profit shall I have, *if I be* cleansed from my sin?

⁹I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee.

¹⁰Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds *which* are higher than thou.

¹¹If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? or *if* thy transgression be multiplied, what doest thou unto him?

¹²If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand?

¹³Thy wickedness *may hurt* a man as thou *art*; and thy righteousness *may profit* the son of man.

¹⁴By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make *the oppressed* to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.

¹⁵But none saith, Where *is* God my maker, who giveth songs in the night;

¹⁶Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

¹⁷There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men.

¹⁸Surely God will not hear vani-

ty, neither will the Almighty regard it.

¹⁴Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, *yet* judgment is before him, and thou waitest for him.

¹⁵But now, because his anger visiteth nought, neither doth he greatly regard sin;

¹⁶Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge.

36 Elihu also proceeded, and said,

²Wait for me a little, and I will shew thee that I *have* yet to speak on God's behalf.

³I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

⁴For truly my words *shall* not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.

⁵Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not *any*: he is mighty in strength and wisdom.

⁶He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the poor.

⁷He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings *are they* on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

⁸And if *they be* bound in fetters, and *he held* in cords of affliction;

⁹Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.

¹⁰He openeth also their ear to

discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

¹¹If they obey and serve *him*, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

¹²But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

¹³But the hypocrites in heart provoke wrath; they call not to God when he bindeth them.

¹⁴They die in youth, and their life is *as that* of the prostitutes.

¹⁵He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.

¹⁶Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait *into* a broad place, where *there is* no straitness; and that which should be set on thy table *should be* full of fatness.

¹⁷But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold on *thee*.

¹⁸Because *there is* wrath, *be-ware* lest he take thee away with his stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.

¹⁹Will he esteem thy riches? *no*, not gold ore, nor all the forces of strength.

²⁰Desire not the night, when peoples disappear in their place.

²¹Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

²²Behold, God exalteth by his power: who is a teacher like unto him?

²³Who hath enjoined him his

way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity?

²⁴Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold.

²⁵Every man may see it; man may behold *it* afar off.

²⁶Behold, God *is* great, and we know *him* not, neither can the number of his years be searched out.

²⁷When he draweth up drops of water *and* they trickle through as rain according to the vapour thereof:

²⁸Which the clouds do drop *and* distil upon the multitude of men.

²⁹Also can *any* understand the spreadings of the clouds, *or* the noise of his tabernacle?

³⁰Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth the bottom of the sea.

³¹For by them judgeth he the peoples; he giveth meat in abundance.

³²He covereth *his* hands with lightning, and commandeth it against the adversary.

³³The noise thereof sheweth concerning it, the burning of wrath in *the cloud* that riseth.

37 At this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of its place.

²Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound *that* goeth out of his mouth.

³He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth.

⁴After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his

excellency; and he will not stay when his voice is heard.

⁵God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.

⁶For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.

⁷He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.

⁸Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.

⁹Out of the chambers of *the south* cometh the storm, and cold out of the constellations of *the north*.

¹⁰By the breath of God ice is given, and the broad waters become a solid mass.

¹¹Also by watering he ladeth the thick cloud; and he scattereth the cloud of his light.

¹²And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth.

¹³He causeth it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for mercy.

¹⁴Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.

¹⁵Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine?

¹⁶Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous

works of him who is perfect in knowledge?

¹⁷How thy garments are warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south wind?

¹⁸Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking-glass?

¹⁹Teach us what we shall say unto him; for we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness.

²⁰Shall it be told him that I speak? if a man speak, surely he shall perish.

²¹And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds: but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them.

²²Out of the north cometh brightness of gold: with God is terrible majesty.

²³Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

²⁴Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any that are wise of heart.

38 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

¹Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

²Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

³Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

⁴Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

⁵Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner-stone thereof;

⁶When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁷Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it broke forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?

⁸When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddling-band for it,

⁹And appointed for it my limit, and set bars and doors,

¹⁰And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

¹¹Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know its place:

¹²That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

¹³It is changed as sealing clay; and all things stand as in splendid attire.

¹⁴And from the wicked their light is withheld, and the high arm shall be broken.

¹⁵Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?

¹⁶Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

¹⁷Hast thou perceived the

breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.

¹⁹Where is the way *where* light dwelleth? and *as for* darkness, where is the place thereof,

²⁰That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?

²¹Didst thou know when thou shouldest be born? or that the number of thy days *would be* great?

²²Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,

²³Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?

²⁴By what way is the light parted, *which* scattereth the east wind upon the earth?

²⁵Who hath divided a water-course for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;

²⁶To cause it to rain on the earth, *where* no man is; *on* the wilderness, wherein *there is* no man;

²⁷To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

²⁸Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?

²⁹Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?

³⁰The waters are hidden as *with* a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

³¹Canst thou bind the fetters of the Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?

³²Canst thou bring forth the constellations in their season? or canst thou guide the Bear with her sons?

³³Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

³⁴Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?

³⁵Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?

³⁶Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart?

³⁷Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can incline the bottles of heaven,

³⁸When the dust thickens into a mass, and the clouds cleave fast together?

³⁹Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lioness? or satisfy the hunger of the young lions,

⁴⁰When they couch in *their* dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait?

⁴¹Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, and wander for lack of meat?

39 Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?

²Canst thou number the mouths *that* they fulfil or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?

³They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their sorrows.

⁴Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open field; they go forth, and return not unto them.

⁵Who hath sent out the wild ass free? or who hath loosed the hands of the wild ass?

⁶Whose house I have made the wilderness, and the salt land his dwellings.

⁷He scorneth the multitude of the city, neither regardeth he the crying of the driver.

⁸What he seeketh out *in* the mountains *is* his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing.

⁹Will the wild ox be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib?

¹⁰Canst thou bind the wild ox with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee?

¹¹Wilt thou trust him, because his strength *is* great, or wilt thou leave thy labour to him?

¹²Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed, and gather it *into* thy barn?

¹³The wing of the ostrich exulteth, but are her pinions and feathers like the stork's?

¹⁴For she leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust,

¹⁵And forgetteth that the foot

may crush them, or that the wild heast may break them.

¹⁶She is hardened against her young ones, as though *they were* not hers: her labour is in vain without fear;

¹⁷Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding.

¹⁸When she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and its rider.

¹⁹Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with a waving mane?

²⁰Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his snorting *is* terrible.

²¹He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in *his* strength: he goeth on to meet the armed men.

²²He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword.

²³The quiver rattleth over him, the glittering spear and the javelin.

²⁴He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that it *is* the sound of the trumpet.

²⁵He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

²⁶Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch its wings toward the south?

²⁷Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make its nest on high?

²⁸It dwelleth and abideth on

the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.

²⁹From thence it seeketh the prey, *and* its eyes behold afar off.

³⁰Its young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain *are*, there is it.

40 Moreover the Lord answered Job, and said,

¹Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct *him*? he that reproveth God, let him answer it.

²Then Job answered the Lord, and said,

³Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

⁴Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

⁵Then answered the Lord unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

⁶Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

⁷Wilt thou also annul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?

⁸Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

⁹Deck thyself now *with* majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty.

¹⁰Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one *that* is proud, and abase him.

¹¹Look on every one *that* is

proud, *and* bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.

¹²Hide them in the dust together; *and* bind their faces in secret.

¹³Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.

¹⁴Behold now the hippopotamus, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.

¹⁵Lo now, his strength *is* in his loins, and his force *is* in the navel of his belly.

¹⁶He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his thighs are wrapped together.

¹⁷His bones *are* as strong pieces of brass; his bones *are* like bars of iron.

¹⁸He *is* the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach *unto* him.

¹⁹Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.

²⁰He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens.

²¹The shady trees cover him *with* their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about.

²²Behold, if a river flow with violence, he feareth not: he trusteth that he can draw up the Jordan into his mouth.

²³He taketh it with his eyes: *his* nose pierceth through snares.

²⁴Canst thou draw out the levi-

athan with a hook? or press down his tongue with a cord?

²⁶Canst thou put a rope of reeds into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?

²⁷Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak *soft words* unto thee?

²⁸Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever?

²⁹Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?

³⁰Shall the companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants?

³¹Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with flesh spears?

³²Lay thine hand upon him; remember the battle, and do so no more.

41 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not *one* be cast down even at the sight of him?

²None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?

³Who hath shewn kindness to me, that I should repay him? *whatsoever* is under the whole heaven is mine.

⁴I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

⁵Who can uncover the face of his garment? or who can come within his double bridle?

⁶Who can open the doors of his

face? his teeth are terrible round about.

⁷His strong scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal.

⁸One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.

⁹They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be severed.

¹⁰By his sneezings a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.

¹¹Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out.

¹²Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot and burning reeds.

¹³His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

¹⁴In his neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him.

¹⁵The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm upon him; they cannot be moved.

¹⁶His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone.

¹⁷When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of fear they miss their way.

¹⁸The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.

¹⁹He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood.

²⁰The arrow cannot make him flee: slingstones are turned with him into stubble.

²¹Darts are counted as stubble:

he laugheth at the shaking of a spear.

²²His underparts *are like sharp* potsherds: he spreadeth *as it were* a threshing wain upon the mire.

²³He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.

²⁴He maketh a path to shine after him; *one* would think the deep *to be* hoary.

²⁵Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear.

²⁶He beholdeth all high *things*: he is a king over all the children of pride.

42 Then Job answered the Lord, and said,

¹I know that thou canst do every *thing*, and *that* no thought can be withheld from thee.

²Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? Truly I have uttered what I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

³Hear. I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

⁴I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

⁵Wherefore I abhor *myself*, and repent in dust and ashes.

⁶And it was *so*, that after the Lord had spoken these words unto Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrat^h is kindled against thee, and against thy

two friends: for ye have not spoken of me *the thing that is* right, as my servant Job *hath*.
⁷Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt-offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept; lest I deal with you *after your* folly, in that ye have not spoken of me *the thing which* is right, like my servant Job.

⁸So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the Lord commanded them: the Lord also accepted Job.

⁹And the Lord turned the fortune of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹⁰Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

¹¹So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses. ¹²He had also seven sons and three daughters. ¹³And he called

the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Keren-happuch. ¹⁵And in all the land were no women found *so* fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheri-

tance among their brethren.

¹⁶After this lived Job a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, *even* four generations.

¹⁷So Job died, *being* old and full of days.

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SONG OF SONGS

1 The song of songs, which is Solomon's. flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

²Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine. ⁹I have compared thee, O my love, to a steed in Pharaoh's chariots.

³Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee. ¹⁰Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, thy neck with chains of gold.

⁴Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee. ¹¹We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.

⁵I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon. ¹²While the king sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.

⁶Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept. ¹³A bundle of myrrh is my well-beloved unto me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

⁷Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions? ¹⁴My beloved is unto me as a cluster of henna-flowers in the vineyards of En-gedi.

⁸If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the ¹⁵Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes.

2 I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys. ¹⁶Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed is green.

²As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters. ¹⁷The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir.

³As the apple-tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great de-

light, and his fruit *was* sweet to my taste.

⁴He brought me to the banqueting-house, and his banner over me *was* love.

⁵Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I *am* sick with love.

⁶His left hand *is* under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.

⁷I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, until it please.

⁸The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

⁹My beloved *is* like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.

¹⁰My beloved spoke, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

¹¹For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over *and* gone;

¹²The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds *is* come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

¹³The fig-tree putteth forth its green figs, and the vines *with* the tender grape give a *good* smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

¹⁴O my dove, *that art* in the clefts of the rock, in the recesses of the cliffs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice;

for sweet *is* thy voice, and thy countenance *is* comely.

¹⁵Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines *have* tender grapes.

¹⁶My beloved *is* mine, and I *am* his: he feedeth among the lilies.

¹⁷Until the day breathes, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether.

3 By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

²I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

³The watchmen that go about the city found me: *to whom I said*, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?

⁴*It was* but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

⁵I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, until it please.

⁶Who *is* this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all the powders of the merchant?

¹Behold his bed, which *is* Solomon's; threescore valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel.

²They all hold swords, *being* expert in war: every man *hath* his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night.

³King Solomon made himself a chariot of the wood of Lebanon.

⁴He made the pillars thereof of silver, the bottom thereof of gold, the covering of it of purple, the midst thereof being paved with love, for the daughters of Jerusalem.

⁵Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

4 Behold, thou *art* fair, my love; behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes within thy veil: thy hair *is* as a flock of goats, that glide down from mount Gilead.

²Thy teeth *are* like a flock of sheep that *are* even shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof every one bears twins, and none *is* barren among them.

³Thy lips *are* like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech *is* comely: thy temples *are* like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.

⁴Thy neck *is* like the tower of David built for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.

⁵Thy two breasts *are* like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies.

⁶Until the day become cool, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of frankincense.

⁷Thou *art* all fair, my love; there *is* no spot in thee.

⁸Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amanah, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.

⁹Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.

¹⁰How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!

¹¹Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the honeycomb: honey and milk *are* under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments *is* like the smell of Lebanon.

¹²A garden inclosed *is* my sister, my bride; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

¹³Thy plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; henna with spikenard,

¹⁴Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:

¹⁵A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams flowing down from Lebanon.

¹Awake, north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, *that* the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

5 I am come into my garden, my sister, *my* bride: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

²I sleep, but my heart waketh: *it is* the voice of my beloved that knocketh, *saying*, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, *and* my locks with the drops of the night.

³I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?

⁴My beloved put in his hand by the hole *of the door*, and my bowels were moved for him.

⁵I rose up to open to my beloved: and my hands dropped *with* myrrh, and my fingers *with* myrrh flowing upon the handles of the lock.

⁶I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had turned away, *and* was gone: my soul failed when he spoke: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

⁷The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keep-

ers of the walls took away my veil from me.

⁸I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, If ye find my beloved, that ye tell him, that I *am* sick of love.

⁹What *is* thy beloved more than *another* beloved, O thou fairest among women? what *is* thy beloved more than *another* beloved, that thou dost so adjure us?

¹⁰My beloved *is* white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand.

¹¹His head *is as* the most fine gold, his locks *are* bushy, *and* black as a raven.

¹²His eyes *are as the eyes of* doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, *and* fitted in *their* setting.

¹³His cheeks *are as* a bed of spices, *as* turrets of aromatic herbs: his lips *like* lilies, dropping flowing myrrh.

¹⁴His hands *are as* gold rings set with the beryl: his belly *is as* bright ivory overlaid *with* sapphires.

¹⁵His legs *are as* pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance *is as* Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.

¹⁶His mouth *is* most sweet: yea, he *is* altogether lovely. This *is* my beloved, and this *is* my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

6 Whither *is* thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither *is* thy beloved turned

aside? that we may seek him with thee.

²My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

³I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he feedeth among the lilies.

⁴Thou art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners.

⁵Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have enravished me: thy hair is as a flock of goats that glide down from Gilead.

⁶Thy teeth are as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and none is bereaved among them.

⁷As a piece of a pomegranate are thy temples within thy locks.

⁸There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.

⁹My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bore her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

¹⁰Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?

¹¹I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and to see whether the vine flourished, and the pomegranates budded.

¹²I know not why, my soul hath carried me to the chariots of Ammi-nadib.

7 Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. Why will ye look upon the Shulamite, as upon the dance of Mahanaim?

²How beautiful are thy feet in sandals, O prince's daughter! thy joints of thy thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman.

³Thy navel is like a round goblet, which wanteth not liquor: thy belly is like a heap of wheat set about with lilies.

⁴Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins of a gazelle.

⁵Thy neck is as a tower of ivory; thine eyes like the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim: thy nose is as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus.

⁶Thine head upon thee is like crimson, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king is fettered by the tresses.

⁷How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!

⁸This thy stature is like to a palm-tree, and thy breasts to clusters of grapes.

⁹I said, I will go up to the palm-tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples;

¹⁰And thy mouth like the best

wine that goeth *down* sweetly for my beloved, causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak.

¹¹I *am* my beloved's, and his desire *is* toward me.

¹²Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.

¹³Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, *whether* the tender grape appear, *and* the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.

¹⁴The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates *are* all manner of pleasant *fruits*, new and old, *which* I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

8 O that thou *were* as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! *when* I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, I should not be despised.

²I would lead thee, *and* bring thee into my mother's house, *who* would instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.

³His left hand *should be* under my head, and his right hand *should embrace* me.

⁴I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, until it please.

⁵Who *is* this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple-tree: there thy mother brought thee forth: there

she brought thee forth *that bore* thee.

⁶Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love *is* strong as death; jealousy *is* cruel as the grave: the flames thereof *are* flames of fire, the flame of God.

⁷Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

⁸We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for?

⁹If she *be* a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she *be* a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar.

¹⁰I *am* a wall, and my breasts like towers: then was I in his eyes as one that found favour.

¹¹Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; he let out the vineyard unto keepers; every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand *pieces* of silver.

¹²My vineyard, which *is* mine, *is* before me: thou, O Solomon, *must have* a thousand, and those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.

¹³Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice: cause me to hear it.

¹⁴Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices.

1 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. ²And the name of the man *was* Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

³And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons. ⁴And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

⁵And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the Lord had visited his people in giving them bread. ⁷Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and

they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

⁸And Naomi said unto her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. ⁹The Lord grant you that ye may find rest, each of *you* in the house of her husband.

Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept. ¹⁰And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people. ¹¹And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? *are* there yet *any more* sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go *your way*; for I am too old to have a husband, If I should say, I have hope, *if* I should have a husband also to-night, and should also bear sons; ¹³Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sake that the hand of the Lord is gone out against me.

¹⁴And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law; but Ruth clove unto her. ¹⁵And she said, Behold, thy sister-in-law is

gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister-in-law. ¹⁰And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God: ¹¹Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, more also, if *aught* but death part thee and me.

¹²And she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, then she left off speaking unto her. ¹³So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, *Is this* Naomi? ²⁰And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me home again empty: why *then* call ye me Naomi, seeing the Lord hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

²²So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

2 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of valour, of the family of Elimelech; and his name *was* Boaz.

²And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after *him* in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

³And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field *belonging* unto Boaz, who *was* of the kindred of Elimelech. ⁴And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, The Lord *be* with you. And they answered him, The Lord bless thee. ⁵Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel *is* this? ⁶And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It *is* a Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab: ⁷And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, save that she tarried a little in the house. ⁸Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearkest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens: ⁹Let thine eyes *be* on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of *that* which the young men have drawn.

¹⁰Then she fell on her face, and

bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I *am* a stranger? ¹¹And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been told me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother-in-law since the death of thine husband: and *how* thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. ¹²The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to take refuge. ¹³Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not as one of thine handmaidens. ¹⁴And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the sour wine.

And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched *corn*, and she did eat, and was satisfied, and left. ¹⁵And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not: ¹⁶And let fall also *some stalks* of the handfuls for her, and leave *them*, that she may glean *them*, and rebuke her not.

¹⁷So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out what she

had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley. ¹⁸And she took *it* up, and went into the city: and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was satisfied. ¹⁹And her mother-in-law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to-day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she told her mother-in-law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to-day is Boaz. ²⁰And Naomi said unto her daughter-in-law, Blessed *be* he of the Lord, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen. ²¹And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest. ²²And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter-in-law, *It is good*, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field.

²³So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother-in-law.

3 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? ²And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maid-

ens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to-night in the threshing-floor. ³Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the threshing-floor: *but* make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.

⁴And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover *him* at his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do. ⁵And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.

⁶And she went down unto the threshing-floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law bade her. ⁷And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered *him* at his feet, and laid her down. ⁸And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was scared, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.

⁹And he said, Who *art* thou? And she answered, I *am* Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou *art* a near kinsman. ¹⁰And he said, Blessed *be* thou of the Lord, my daughter: for thou hast shewn more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹And now, my

daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou *art* a virtuous woman. ¹²And now it is true that I *am* thy near kinsman: but there is a kinsman nearer than I. ¹³Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, *that* if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the Lord liveth: lie down until the morning.

¹⁴And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the threshing-floor. ¹⁵Also he said, Bring the veil that *thou hast* upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six *measures* of barley, and laid *it* on her: and she went into the city.

¹⁶And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, How farest thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her. ¹⁷And she said, These six *measures* of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother-in-law.

¹⁸Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

4 Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom

Boaz spoke came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

²And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.

³And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come back out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which *was* our brother Elimelech's: ⁴And I thought to disclose it to thee, saying, Buy *it* before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem *it*, redeem *it*: but if thou wilt not redeem *it*, *then* tell me, that I may know: for *there is* none to redeem *it* besides thee; and *I am* after thee. And he said, I will redeem *it*. ⁵Then said Boaz, The day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy *it* also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance. ⁶And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem *it* for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: take my right of redemption to thyself; for I cannot redeem *it*.

⁷Now this *was the manner* in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning exchanging, to confirm all things: a man plucked off his sandal, and gave *it* to his neighbour: and this *was a testimony* in Israel. ⁸Therefore, when the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy *it* for thee, he drew off his sandal. ⁹And Boaz said unto the elders, and

unto all the people, Ye *are* witnesses this day, that I have bought all that *was* Elimelech's, and all that *was* Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi. ¹⁰Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye *are* witnesses this day. ¹¹And all the people that *were* in the gate, and the elders, said, *We are* witnesses. The Lord make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephrathah, and make thee a famous name in Beth-lehem: ¹²And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bore unto Judah, of the seed which the Lord shall give thee of this young woman.

¹³So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son.

¹⁴And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed *be* the Lord who hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel. ¹⁵And he shall be unto thee a restorer of *thy* life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter-in-law, who loveth thee, who is better to thee than seven sons, hath borne him.

¹⁶And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it. ¹⁷And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

¹⁸Now these are the genera-

tions of Pharez: Pharez begot Hezron, ¹⁹And Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot Amminadab, ²⁰And Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon, ²¹And Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed, ²²And Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David.

LAMENTATIONS

1 How doth the city sit solitary, *that was* full of people! *how* is she become as a widow! she *that was* great among the nations, *and* princess among the provinces, *how* is she become tributary!

²She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears *are* on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort *her*: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

³Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwelleth among the nations, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.

⁴The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she *is* in bitterness.

⁵Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the Lord hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.

⁶And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts *that* find no pasture, and they

are gone without strength before the pursuer.

⁷Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: the adversaries saw her, *and* did mock at her desolations.

⁸Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is become an abomination; all that honoured her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.

⁹Her filthiness *is* in her skirts: she remembered not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O Lord, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified *himself*.

¹⁰The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things: for she hath seen *that* the nations entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command *that* they should not enter into thy congregation.

¹¹All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul: see, O Lord, and

consider; for I am become vile.

¹²No *such thing* ever befell you, all ye that pass by; behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted *me* in the day of his fierce anger.

¹³From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaileth against them: he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back: he hath made me desolate and faint all the day.

¹⁴The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand: they are wreathed, and come up upon my neck: he hath made my strength to fail, the Lord hath delivered me into *their* hands, from whom I am not able to rise up.

¹⁵The Lord hath trodden under foot all my mighty *men* in the midst of me: he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men: the Lord hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, as in a wine-press.

¹⁶For these *things* I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

¹⁷Zion spreadeth forth her hands, and *there is* none to comfort her: the Lord hath commanded concerning Jacob, that his adversaries *should be* round about him: Jerusalem is become

an abomination among them.

¹⁸The Lord is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment: hear, I pray you, all peoples, and behold my sorrow: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.

¹⁹I called for my lovers, *but* they deceived me: my priests and mine elders perished in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls.

²⁰Behold, O Lord; for I *am* in distress: my bowels are troubled; mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: abroad the sword bereaveth, even as death at home.

²¹They have heard that I sigh: *there is* none to comfort me: all mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done *it*: thou wilt bring the day *that* thou hast called, and they shall be like unto me.

²²Let all *their* wickedness come before thee; and do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions: for my sighs *are* many, and my heart *is* faint.

2 How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, and cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger.

²The Lord hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied: he hath thrown down in his wrath the strong-

holds of the daughter of Judah; he hath brought *them* down to the ground: he hath polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof.

³He hath cut off in *his* fierce anger all the horn of Israel: he hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he burned against Jacob like a flaming fire, *which* devoureth round about.

⁴He hath bent his bow like an enemy: he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew all *that were* pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he poured out his fury like fire.

⁵The Lord was as an enemy: he hath swallowed up Israel, he hath swallowed up all her palaces: he hath destroyed his strongholds, and hath increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.

⁶And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as *if it were* of a garden: he hath destroyed his places of the assembly: the Lord hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest.

⁷The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house of the Lord, as in the day of a solemn feast.

⁸The Lord hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter

of Zion: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying: and he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together.

⁹Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes *are* among the nations: the law *is* no *more*; her prophets also find no vision from the Lord.

¹⁰The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, and keep silence: they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

¹¹Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city.

¹²They say to their mothers, Where *is* corn and wine? when they swoon as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul *is* poured out into their mother's bosom.

¹³What shall I take to witness for thee? what shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach *is* great like the sea: who can heal thee?

¹⁴Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and

they have not uncovered thine iniquity, to bring back thy captivity; but have seen for thee visions of falsehood and seduction.

¹⁵All that pass by clap *their* hands at thee; they hiss and wag *their* head at the daughter of Jerusalem, *saying*, Is this the city that *men* call The perfection of beauty. The joy of the whole earth?

¹⁶All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed *her* up: certainly this *is* the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it.

¹⁷The Lord hath done *that* which he had devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old: he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: and he hath caused *thine* enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries.

¹⁸Their heart cried unto the Lord, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night: give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease.

¹⁹Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street.

²⁰Behold, O Lord, and consider to whom thou hast done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, the infants fondled in the hands? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?

²¹The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets: my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain *them* in the day of thine anger; thou hast killed, and not pitied.

²²Thou hast called as in a solemn day my terrors round about, so that in the day of the Lord's anger none escaped nor remained: those that I have fondled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

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3 I am the man *that* hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

²He hath led me, and brought *me* into darkness, but not into light.

³Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand *against me* all the day.

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⁴He hath caused my flesh and my skin to waste away; he hath broken my bones.

⁵He hath built against me, and compassed *me* with gall and travail.

⁶He hath set me in dark places, as *they that are* dead of old.

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⁷He hath hedged me about,

that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy.

⁸Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer.

⁹He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked.

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¹⁰He *was* unto me *as* a bear lying in wait, *and as* a lion in secret places.

¹¹He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces: he hath made me desolate.

¹²He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.

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¹³He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.

¹⁴I was a derision to all my people; *and* their song all the day.

¹⁵He hath filled me with bitterness; he hath made me drunk with wormwood.

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¹⁶He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes.

¹⁷And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgot prosperity.

¹⁸And I said, My strength is perished, and mine expectation from the Lord.

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¹⁹Remember mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.

²⁰My soul hath *them* still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

²¹This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope:

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²²That the Lord's mercies are not consumed, that his compassions fail not.

²³*They are* new every morning: great *is* thy faithfulness.

²⁴The Lord *is* my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

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²⁵The Lord *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him.

²⁶*It is* good that a *man* should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

²⁷*It is* good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth;

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²⁸That he sit alone and keep silence, because he hath borne *it* upon him;

²⁹That he put his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope;

³⁰That he give *his* cheek to him that smiteth him: that he be filled full with reproach.

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³¹For the Lord will not cast off for ever:

³²But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

³³For he doth not afflict will-

ingly nor grieve the children of men.

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³⁴To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth.

³⁵To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High.

³⁶To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord approveth not.

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³⁷Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?

³⁸Out of the mouth of the Most High proceedeth not evil and good?

³⁹Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man because of his sins?

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⁴⁰Let us search and examine our ways, and turn again to the Lord.

⁴¹Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.

⁴²We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned.

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⁴³Thou hast covered with anger, and persecuted us: thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied.

⁴⁴Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through.

⁴⁵Thou hast made us as the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people.

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⁴⁶All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.

⁴⁷Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction.

⁴⁸Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

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⁴⁹Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission,

⁵⁰Till the Lord look down, and behold from heaven.

⁵¹Mine eye affecteth my soul because of all the daughters of my city.

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⁵²Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause.

⁵³They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me.

⁵⁴Waters flowed over mine head; then I said, I am cut off.

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⁵⁵I called upon thy name, O Lord, out of the low dungeon.

⁵⁶Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my cry for relief.

⁵⁷Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not.

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⁵⁸O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.

⁵⁰O Lord, thou hast seen my wrong: judge thou my cause.

⁶⁰Thou hast seen all their vengeance *and* all their designs against me.

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⁶¹Thou hast heard their reproach, O Lord, *and* all their designs against me;

⁶²The lips of those that rose up against me, *and* their device against me all the day.

⁶³Behold their sitting down, *and* their rising up; *I am* their song.

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⁶⁴Render unto them a recompense, O Lord, according to the work of their hands.

⁶⁵Give them sorrow of heart, thy curse unto them.

⁶⁶Persecute *and* destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the Lord.

4 How is the gold become dim! *how* is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.

²The precious sons of Zion, valued with fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

³Even jackals draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people *is become* cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

⁴The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young chil-

dren ask bread, *and* no man breaketh it unto them.

⁵They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.

⁶For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, *and* no hands were laid on her.

⁷Her princes were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than corals, their form *was* brighter than sapphire:

⁸Their visage is darker than black; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.

⁹*They that are* slain with the sword are better than *they that are* slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field.

¹⁰The hands of the merciful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

¹¹The Lord hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, *and* hath kindled a fire in Zion, *and* it hath devoured the foundations thereof.

¹²The kings of the earth, *and* all the inhabitants of the world, would not believe that the adversary *and* the enemy should enter into the gates of Jerusalem.

¹³For the sins of her prophets,

and the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her,

¹⁴They have wandered as blind men in the streets, they have polluted themselves with blood, so that men could not touch their garments.

¹⁵Depart, ye unclean, they cried unto them; depart, depart, touch not: when they fled away and wandered, it was said among the nations, They shall no more sojourn there.

¹⁶The anger of the Lord hath divided them; he will no more regard them: they respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the elders.

¹⁷As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save us.

¹⁸They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.

¹⁹Our persecutors were swifter than the eagles of the heaven: they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.

²⁰The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the Lord, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the nations.

²¹Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz; the cup also shall pass through unto thee: thou

shalt be drunk, and shalt make thyself naked.

²²The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry thee away into captivity: he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will lay bare thy sins.

5 Remember, O Lord, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach.

²Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

³We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers are as widows.

⁴We have drunk our water for money; our wood is sold unto us.

⁵We are pursued with the yoke upon our necks: we are weary, and have no rest.

⁶We have given the hand to the Egyptians, and to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

⁷Our fathers have sinned, and are not; and we have borne their iniquities.

⁸Servants have ruled over us: there is none that doth deliver us out of their hand.

⁹We get our bread with the peril of our lives because of the sword of the wilderness.

¹⁰Our skin is parched as with a furnace because of the burning heat of famine.

¹¹They ravished the women in Zion, and the maids in the cities of Judah.

¹²Princes are hanged up by their hand: the faces of elders were not honoured.

¹³The young men bore the mill-stone, and the children fell under the wood.

¹⁴The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their music.

¹⁵The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.

¹⁶The crown is fallen *from* our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned!

¹⁷For this our heart is faint; for these *things* our eyes are dim.

¹⁸Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

¹⁹Thou, O Lord, remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation.

²⁰Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, *and* forsake us for so long?

²¹Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.

²²For wilt thou utterly reject us, be very wroth against us?

Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.

ECCLESIASTES

1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

²Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

³What profit hath a man of all his labour wherein he laboureth under the sun?

⁴One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.

⁵The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteneth to his place where he arose.

⁶The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to its circuits.

⁷All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place whither the rivers go, thither they go again.

⁸All things are wearying; man cannot utter them: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

⁹The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

¹⁰Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time,

which was before us.

¹¹There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after.

¹²I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith. ¹⁴I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. ¹⁵That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.

¹⁶I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge. ¹⁷And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also was a striving after wind.

¹⁸For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

2 I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also *is* vanity. ²I said of laughter, *It is* mad: and of mirth, What doeth it? ³I sought in mine heart to cherish my body with wine, mine heart guiding itself with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life. ⁴I made me great works; I built me houses; I planted me vineyards: ⁵I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all *kinds* of fruits; ⁶I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees: ⁷I got *me* servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me: ⁸I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I got me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, mistresses very many. ⁹So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me. ¹⁰And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour. ¹¹Then I looked on all the works

that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all *was* vanity and a striving after wind, and *there was* no profit under the sun.

¹²And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what *can* the man *do* that cometh after the king? *even* that which hath been already done.

¹³Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness. ¹⁴The wise man's eyes *are* in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself perceived also that *one* event happeneth to them all.

¹⁵Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also *is* vanity. ¹⁶For *there is* no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now *is* in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise *man*? as the fool.

¹⁷Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun *is* grievous unto me: for all *is* vanity and a striving after wind.

¹⁸Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.

¹⁹And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise *man* or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewn myself wise under the sun. This

is also vanity. ²⁰Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun. ²¹For there is a man whose labour is with wisdom, and with knowledge, and with profit; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²For what hath man of all his labour, and of the striving of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun? ²³For all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a man, *than* that he should eat and drink, and *that* he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it *was* from the hand of God. ²⁵For who can eat, or who is eager to enjoy, more than I? ²⁶For God giveth to a man what is good in his sight, wisdom, and knowledge, and joy; but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to *him* what is good before God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

3 To every *thing* there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

¹A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted;

²A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

³A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁴A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁵A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

⁶A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁷A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

⁸What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he labour-eth? ⁹I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. ¹⁰He hath made every *thing* good in its time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. ¹¹I know that *there is* no good in them, but for a *man* to rejoice, and to do good in his life. ¹²And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it *is* the gift of God. ¹³I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that *men* should fear before him. ¹⁴That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God seeketh *again* that which is past.

¹⁵And moreover I saw under

the sun, in the place of judgment, *that wickedness was there*; and in the place of righteousness, *that iniquity was there*. ¹⁷I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for *there is* a time there for every purpose and for every work. ¹⁸I said in mine heart, *It is* because of the sons of men, that God may prove them, and that they may see that they themselves are *but as beasts*. ¹⁹For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all *is* vanity. ²⁰All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. ²¹Who knoweth the spirit of man whether it goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast whether it goeth downward to the earth? ²²Wherefore I perceive that *there is* nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that *is* his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

4 So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of *such as were* oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors *there was* power, but they had no comforter. ²Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living that are yet alive. ³Yea, bet-

ter *is he* than both they, who hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun. ⁴Then I saw all labour and all skill for work, that it is rivalry of one with another. This *is* also vanity and a striving after wind.

⁵The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh.

⁶Better *is* a handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and striving after wind.

⁷Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun. ⁸There *is* one *alone*, and *there is* not a second: yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet *is there* no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither *saith he*, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This *is* also vanity, yea, it *is* a sore travail.

⁹Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. ¹⁰For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to lift him up. ¹¹Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm *alone*? ¹²And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord *is* not quickly broken.

¹³Better *is* a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished. ¹⁴For out of prison *one* cometh to reign; whereas *an-*

other that is born in his kingdom becometh poor. ¹⁵I considered all the living that walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead. ¹⁶*There is no end of all the people, even of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind.*

¹⁷Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

5 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter *any* thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. ²For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is *known* by multitude of words.

³When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for *he hath* no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. ⁴*Better is it* that thou shouldest not vow, than thou shouldest vow and not pay. ⁵Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it *was* an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? ⁶For in the multitude of dreams and many words *there are also divers* vanities: but fear thou God.

⁷If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violation of right

and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for *he that is* higher than the highest regardeth; and *there are* higher than they. ⁸Moreover the profit of a land in all *things* is a king devoted to cultivated fields.

⁹He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this *is also* vanity. ¹⁰When goods increase, they are increased that eat them; and what profit *is there* to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of *them* with their eyes? ¹¹The sleep of a labouring man *is* sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

¹²There is a sore evil *which* I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. ¹³But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and *there is* nothing in his hand. ¹⁴As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁵And this *also is* a sore evil, *that* in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind? ¹⁶All his days *also* he eateth in darkness, and *he hath* much sorrow and sickness with wrath.

¹⁷Behold *that* which I have seen: *it is* good and comely for *one* to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour

that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion.

¹⁸Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God. ¹⁹For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

6 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men: ²A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is vanity, and it is an evil disease. ³If a man beget a hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also that he have no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he. ⁴For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness. ⁵Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known any thing: this hath more rest than the other. ⁶Yea, though he live a thousand years twice told, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place? ⁷All the labour of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled. ⁸For what hath the wise more than the fool? what hath the poor,

that knoweth to walk before the living? ⁹Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this is also vanity and a striving after wind.

¹⁰That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it is man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he. ¹¹Seeing there are many things that increase vanity, what is man the better? ¹²For who knoweth what is good for man in his life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun.

7 A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

²It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart.

³Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.

⁴The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

⁵It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.

⁶For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity.

⁷Surely oppression maketh a

wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart.

⁹Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

¹⁰Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

¹¹Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this. ¹²Wisdom is as good as an inheritance: yea, better than that for them that see the sun. ¹³For to be under the shelter of wisdom is as good as to be under the shelter of money; but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom preserveth the life of him that hath it.

¹⁴Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked? ¹⁵In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

¹⁶All things have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that prolongeth his life in his wickedness. ¹⁷Be not righteous overmuch; neither make thyself overwise: why shouldest thou destroy thyself? ¹⁸Be not overmuch wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die

before thy time? ¹⁹It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from that withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall escape them all.

²⁰Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men that are in the city. ²¹For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

²²Also take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee: ²³For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.

²⁴All this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me. ²⁵That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out? ²⁶I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, and the foolishness of madness. ²⁷And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her. ²⁸Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, counting one by one, to find out the account: ²⁹Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found. ³⁰Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

8 Who *is* as the wise *man*? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed. ²I *counsel thee* to keep the king's commandment, and *that* in regard of the oath of God. ³Be not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing; for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him. ⁴Because the word of a king *is* power; and who may say unto him, What doest thou? ⁵Who *o* keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment. ⁶Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, and the evils *coming* upon a man are many. ⁷For he knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him when it shall be? ⁸*There is* no man that hath power over the wind to retain the wind; neither *hath he* power in the day of death: and *there is* no discharge in *that* war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it. ⁹All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: *there is* a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt.

¹⁰And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come to *their rest*; and they that had done right went away from the holy place, and were forgotten in the city: *this is* also vanity. ¹¹Because sentence against an evil

work is not executed speedily therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. ¹²Though a sinner do evil a hundred times, and his *days* be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, that fear before him: ¹³But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong *his days*, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God. ¹⁴There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there are just *men*, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked *men*, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also is vanity. ¹⁵Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for that shall abide with him in his labour the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.

¹⁶When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth: (for also *there is* that neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes:) ¹⁷Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labour to seek *it* out, yet he shall not find *it*; yea farther; though a wise *man* think to know *it*, yet shall he not be able to find *it*.

9 For all this I considered in my heart even to search out all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God: whether he be worthy of love or of hatred, man knoweth it not: all is equally unknown to them. ²All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath. ³This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

⁴For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion. ⁵For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. ⁶Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

⁷Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works. ⁸Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment. ⁹Live

joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour wherein thou labourdest under the sun. ¹⁰Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

¹¹I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. ¹²For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

¹³This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me: ¹⁴There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it: ¹⁵Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man. ¹⁶Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not

heard. ¹⁷The words of wise *men* are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. ¹⁸Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.

10 Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to stink and to decay: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for his wisdom *and* honour.

²A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left.

³Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh by the way, his wisdom faileth *him*, and he saith to every one *that* he is a fool.

⁴If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for yielding pacifieth great offences.

⁵There is an evil *which* I have seen under the sun, as an error *which* proceedeth from the ruler:

⁶Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place.

⁷I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.

⁸He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh a hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

⁹Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; *and* he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby.

¹⁰If the iron be blunt, and one do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: so wisdom hath the advantage of rendering *one* good.

¹¹Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a slanderer is no better.

¹²The words of a wise man's mouth *are* gracious; but the lips of a fool will destroy him.

¹³The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness.

¹⁴A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be, and what shall be after him, who can tell him?

¹⁵The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.

¹⁶Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat early in the morning!

¹⁷Blessed *art* thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

¹⁸By slothfulness the rafters sink; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

¹⁹A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh life merry: but money answereth all *things*.

²⁰Curse not the king, no, not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bed-chamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

11 Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.

²Give a portion to seven, and

also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.

³If the clouds be full of rain, they empty *themselves* upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.

⁴He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

⁵As thou knowest not what *is* the way of the wind, nor how the bones *do grow* in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.

⁶In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether they both *shall* be alike good.

⁷Truly the light *is* sweet, and a pleasant *thing it is* for the eyes to behold the sun:

⁸For if a man live many years, let him rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh *is* vanity.

⁹Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these *things* God will bring thee into judgment.

¹⁰Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from

thy flesh: for childhood and youth *are* vanity.

12 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

²While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, are not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

³In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,

⁴And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and his voice shall become as that of a bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low;

⁵Yea, they shall be afraid of high places, and terrors shall be for them even on level, and the almond-tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and the caper-berry shall fail; because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:

⁶Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

⁷And the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit return unto God who gave it.

⁹Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.

⁹And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. ¹⁰The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and *that which was written was upright, even words of truth.*

¹¹The words of the wise *are as goads, and as nails fastened are the words of the masters of*

assemblies, *which are given from one shepherd.* ¹²And further than these, my son, be admonished: of making many books *there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.*

¹³Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole *duty* of man.

¹⁴For God shall bring every work into judgment, concerning every hidden thing, whether *it be good, or whether it be evil.*

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ESTHER

1 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus that reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, *over* a hundred and seven and twenty provinces:) *That* in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which *was* in Shushan the palace, ²In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, *being* before him: ³When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, *even* a hundred and fourscore days. ⁴And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days in the court of the garden of the king's palace; ⁵*Where were* white, green, and blue, *hangings*, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds *were* of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and white, and yellow, and black, marble. ⁶And they gave *them* drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine

in abundance, according to the state of the king. ⁷And the drinking *was* according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

⁸Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which *belonged* to king Ahasuerus. ⁹On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, ¹⁰To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she *was* fair to look on. ¹¹But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by *his* chamberlains, wherefore the king was very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

¹²Then the king said to the wise men, who knew the times, (for so *was* the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment: ¹³And the next unto him *was* Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marse-

na, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, who saw the king's face, and who sat the first in the kingdom;) ¹³What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?

¹⁶And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the peoples that are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus. ¹⁷For this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not. ¹⁸Likewise shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the king's princes, who have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus shall there arise too much contempt and wrath. ¹⁹If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she. ²⁰And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their hus-

bands honour, both to great and small.

²¹And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan: ²²And he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to the language of every people.

2 After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her. ²Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king: ³And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdoms, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their ointments be given them: ⁴And let the maiden that pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

⁵Now in Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite; ⁶Who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had

been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. ⁷And he brought up Hadassah, that is Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

⁸So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women. ⁹And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, that were meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and her maids unto the best place of the house of the women.

¹⁰Esther had not made known her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not make it known. ¹¹And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what would become of her.

¹²Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of women, (for so were

the days of their purifications accomplished, to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with other things for the purifying of the women;) ¹³Then thus came every maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house. ¹⁴In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, who kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name.

¹⁵Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

¹⁶So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. ¹⁷And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti. ¹⁸Then the king

made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, *even* Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

¹⁹And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate. ²⁰Esther had not *yet* made known her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him.

²¹In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those that kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. ²²And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king *thereof* in Mordecai's name. ²³And the matter was inquired into, and it was found out, and they were both hanged on a tree; and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

3 After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that *were* with him. ²And all the king's servants, that *were* in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did

him reverence. ³Then the king's servants, that *were* in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment? ⁴Now it came to pass, when they spoke daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he *was* a Jew. ⁵And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. ⁶And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had made known to him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, *even* the people of Mordecai.

⁷In the first month, that *is*, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that *is*, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, *to* the twelfth month, that *is*, the month Adar.

⁸And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws *are* diverse from *those* of every people; neither keep they the king's laws; therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them. ⁹If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I will weigh ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those

that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries. ¹⁰And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy. ¹¹And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.

¹²Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.

¹³And the letters were sent by couriers into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all the Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, *even* upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey. ¹⁴The copy of the writing for a decree to be given in every province was published unto all the peoples, that they should be ready for that day.

¹⁵The couriers went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to

drink; but the city Shushan was perplexed.

4 When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry; ²And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

³And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and sackcloth with ashes became the bed of many.

⁴So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received it not. ⁵Then called Esther for Hatach, *one of* the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what *it was*, and why *it was*.

⁶So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which *was* before the king's gate. ⁷And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them. ⁸Also he gave him the copy of the writing of

the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.

⁹And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. ¹⁰Again Esther spoke unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai; ¹¹All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, *there* is one law of his to put *him* to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

¹²And they told to Mordecai Esther's words. ¹³Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. ¹⁴For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, *then* shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art *not* come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?

¹⁵Then Esther bade *them* return Mordecai *this* answer, ¹⁶Go, gather together all the Jews that

are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. ¹⁷So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

5 Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on *her* royal *apparel*, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house. ²And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, *that* she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that *was* in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre. ³Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom. ⁴And Esther answered, *If it seem* good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him. ⁵Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared. ⁶And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy

request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed. ⁷Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request *are*; ⁸If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to-morrow as the king hath said.

⁹Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai. ¹⁰Nevertheless Haman restrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife. ¹¹And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all *the things* wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king. ¹²Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to-morrow am I invited unto her also with the king. ¹³Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate. ¹⁴Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to-morrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be

hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

6 On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king. ²And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. ³And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him. ⁴And the king said, Who *is* in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. ⁵And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in. ⁶So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself? ⁷And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour, ⁸Let the royal apparel be brought which the king *useth* to wear, and the horse

that the king rode upon when the crown royal was set upon his head: ⁹And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man *withal* whom the king delighteth to honour, and cause him to ride on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour. ¹⁰Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, *and* take the apparel and the horse, *as* thou hast said, and do *even* so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let *nothing* fail of all that thou hast spoken.

¹¹Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and caused him to ride on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

¹²And Mordecai came back to the king's gate. But Haman hastened to his house mourning, and having his head covered. ¹³And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every *thing* that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai *is* of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but *shalt* surely fall before him.

¹⁴And while they *were* yet talking with him, came the king's

chamberlains, and hastened to bring Haman unto the banquet that Esther had prepared.

7 So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen. ²And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? and it shall be performed, *even* to the half of the kingdom.

³Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request: ⁴For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. And if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, but the adversary could not compensate for the king's damage. ⁵Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who *is* he, and where *is* he, that durst presume in his heart to do so? ⁶And Esther said, The adversary and enemy *is* this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen. ⁷And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath *went* into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king. ⁸Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the

banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther *was*. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

⁹And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon. ¹⁰So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

8 On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews' enemy unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he *was* unto her. ²And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

³And Esther spoke yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews. ⁴Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king, ⁵And said, If it please the king, and

if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing *seem* right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to recall the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews that *are* in all the king's provinces: ⁶For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?

⁷Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews. ⁸Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man recall.

⁹Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that *is*, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth *day* thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the governors and rulers of the provinces which *are* from India unto Ethiopia, a hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language. ¹⁰And he

wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by couriers on horseback, and riders on mules, camels, and young dromedaries: ¹¹Wherein the king granted the Jews that *were* in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, *both* little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey. ¹²Upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, *namely*, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar. ¹³The copy of the writing for a decree to be given in every province *was* published unto all the peoples, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

¹⁴So the couriers that rode upon mules and camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at Shushan the palace. ¹⁵And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad. ¹⁶The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour. ¹⁷And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree

came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the peoples of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

9 Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;) ²The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all the peoples. ³And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the governors, and they that attended to the business of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. ⁴For Mordecai *was* great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater. ⁵Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them. ⁶And in Shushan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men. ⁷And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, ⁸And Poratha, and

Adalia, and Aridatha, ⁹And Par-mushla, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezathia, ¹⁰The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; but on the spoil laid they not their hand.

¹¹On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace was brought before the king. ¹²And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? now what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: or what is thy request further? and it shall be done. ¹³Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews that are in Shushan to do to-morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows. ¹⁴And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons. ¹⁵For the Jews that were in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the prey laid not their hand.

¹⁶But the other Jews that were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their four seventy and five thousand,

but they laid not their hands on the prey. ¹⁷On the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth day of the same rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. ¹⁸But the Jews that were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. ¹⁹Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

²⁰And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both nigh and far. ²¹To establish this among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly, ²²As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor. ²³And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them; ²⁴Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the

Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to confound them, and to destroy them; ²³But when *Esther* came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. ²⁴Wherefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of *that* which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them, ²⁵The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their *appointed* time every year; ²⁶And *that* these days *should be* remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and *that* these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.

²⁷Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Morde-

cai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim. ³⁰And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth, ³¹To confirm these days of Purim in their times *appointed*, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry. ³²And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

10 And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and upon the isles of the sea. ²And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? ³For Mordecai the Jew *was* next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

DANIEL

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nehuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. ²And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure-house of his god.

³And the king spoke unto Ashpenaz the chief of his courtiers, that he should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the nobles; ⁴Children in whom *was* no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as *had* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. ⁵And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank; so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

⁶Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: ⁷Unto whom the chief of the

courtiers gave names: for he gave unto Daniel *the name* of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.

⁸And Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the chief of the courtiers that he might not defile himself. ⁹Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the chief of the courtiers. ¹⁰And the chief of the courtiers said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse looking than the children that *are* of your sort? then shall ye make *me* endanger my head to the king. ¹¹Then said Daniel to the steward, whom the chief of the courtiers had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, ¹²Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. ¹³Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and

as thou seest, deal with thy servants. ¹⁴So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days. ¹⁵And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children that did eat the portion of the king's meat. ¹⁶Thus the steward took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

¹⁷As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. ¹⁸Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the chief of the courtiers brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king. ²⁰And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all his realm.

²¹And Daniel continued *even* unto the first year of king Cyrus.

2 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep broke from him. ²Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and

the Chaldeans, to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. ³And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream. ⁴Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Aramean, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will tell the interpretation. ⁵The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill. ⁶But if ye tell the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore tell me the dream, and the interpretation thereof. ⁷They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will tell the interpretation of it. ⁸The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me. ⁹But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there is but one* decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can tell me the interpretation thereof. ¹⁰The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can tell the king's matter: forasmuch as *there is no king,*

lord, nor ruler, *that* asked such things of any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean. ¹¹And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can tell it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

¹²For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. ¹³And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.

¹⁴Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, who was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon: ¹⁵He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so pressing from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. ¹⁶Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would tell the king the interpretation.

¹⁷Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: ¹⁸That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

²⁰Daniel answered and said, Bless-

ed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: ²¹And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: ²²He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. ²³I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

²⁴Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will tell unto the king the interpretation.

²⁵Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation. ²⁶The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof? ²⁷Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded no wise men, astrologers, magicians or soothsayers,

can tell unto the king; ²⁸But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; ²⁹As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came *into thy mind* upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass. ³⁰But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living, but that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that thou mayest know the thoughts of thy heart.

³¹Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness *was* excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof *was* terrible. ³²This image's head *was* of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, ³³His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. ³⁴Thou lookest till a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and broke them to pieces. ³⁵Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them; and the stone that smote the image became a

great mountain, and filled the whole earth. ³⁶This *is* the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

³⁷Thou, O king, *art* a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. ³⁸And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou *art* this head of gold. ³⁹And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things*; and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. ⁴¹And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. ⁴²And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. ⁴³And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. ⁴⁴And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which

shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to another people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. ⁴Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

⁴Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him. ⁵The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.

⁶Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon. ⁷Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

3 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits:

he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. ²Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. ³Then the satraps, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁴Then a herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, ⁵That at what time ye hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, sambuke, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: ⁶And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

⁷Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sambuke, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

⁸Wherefore at that time cer-

tain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. ⁹They spoke and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever. ¹⁰Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, sambuke, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image: ¹¹And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, *that* he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. ¹²There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said unto them, *Is it true*, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that ye serve not my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? ¹⁵Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, sambuke, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made, *well*: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you

out of my hands? ¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer thee in this matter. ¹⁷Behold, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king. ¹⁸But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

¹⁹Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: *therefore* he spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was wont to be heated. ²⁰And he commanded the most mighty men that *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, *and* to cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their turbans, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. ²²Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. ²³And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

²⁴Then Nebuchadnezzar the

king was alarmed, and rose up in haste, and spoke, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. ²⁵He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like a son of the gods.

²⁶Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace, and spoke, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the Most High God, come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth of the midst of the fire. ²⁷And the satraps, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was the hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. ²⁸Then Nebuchadnezzar spoke, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. ²⁹Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, that speak any thing amiss against the God of Shad-

rach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

³⁰Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon.

³¹Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. ³²I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me. ³³How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

4 I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace: ²I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. ³Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream. ⁴Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof. ⁵But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, saying, ⁶O Belteshaz-

zar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.

⁷Thus *were* the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof *was* great. ⁸The tree grew, and *was* strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth: ⁹The leaves thereof *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh *was* fed of it.

¹⁰I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven; ¹¹He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from its branches: ¹²Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let its portion *be* with the beasts in the grass of the earth: ¹³Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him. ¹⁴This matter is

by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

¹⁵This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.

¹⁶Then Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was stunned for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spoke, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream *be* to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies. ¹⁷The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and *was* strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth; ¹⁸Whose leaves *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation: ¹⁹It is thou, O King, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth. ²⁰And whereas

the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender ~~branches~~ of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him; ²¹This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which is come upon my lord the king: ²²That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. ²³And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule. ²⁴Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; thus there may be a lengthening of thy prosperity.

²⁵All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁶At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. ²⁷The king spoke, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I

have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? ²⁸While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. ²⁹And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. ³⁰The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

³¹And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: ³²And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? ³³At the same time my reason returned

unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me. ³⁴Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

5 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. ²Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein. ³Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which *was* at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. ⁴They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone. ⁵In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. ⁶Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that

the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another. ⁷The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. *And* the king spoke, and said to the wise *men* of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and tell me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

⁸Then came in all the king's wise *men*: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof. ⁹Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were confounded. ¹⁰Now the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: *and* the queen spoke and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: ¹¹There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, *I say*, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, *and* soothsayers; ¹²Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and solving riddles, and unravel-

ling of knots, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will tell the interpretation.

¹⁸Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spoke and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, who art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry? ¹⁹I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee. ²⁰And now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not tell the interpretation of the thing: ²¹And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and unravel knots: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

²²Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another, yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation. ²³O thou king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:

¹⁹And for the majesty that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down. ²⁰But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: ²¹And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the Most High God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will. ²²And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; ²³But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified: ²⁴Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written. ²⁵And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE,

TEKEL, UPHARSIN. ²⁶This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. ²⁷TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting. ²⁸PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

²⁹Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

³⁰In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.

6 And Darius the Midian took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old. ²It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty satraps, who should be over the whole kingdom; ³And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was one: that the satraps might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. ⁴Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

⁵Then the presidents and satraps sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. ⁶Then said these men, We shall

not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God. ⁷Then these presidents and satraps assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever. ⁸All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the satraps, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm interdict, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. ⁹Now, O king, establish the interdict, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. ¹⁰Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the interdict.

¹¹Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. ¹²Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. ¹³Then they came near, and spoke before the king concerning the king's interdict; Hast thou not signed an interdict, that every man that shall ask a petition of any god or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?

The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. ¹⁴Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, who is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the interdict that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day. ¹⁵Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him. ¹⁶Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no interdict nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed. ¹⁷Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spoke and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. ¹⁸And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

¹⁹Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep went from him. ²⁰Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. ²¹And when he

came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spoke and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? ²²Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. ²³My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. ²⁴Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. ²⁵And the king commanded, and they brought those men that had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and broke all their bones in pieces ere they came at the bottom of the den.

²⁶Then king Darius wrote unto all peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. ²⁷I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and steadfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.

²⁸He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

²⁹So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

7 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. ²Daniel spoke and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. ³And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. ⁴The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. ⁵And behold another beast, a second like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and *it had* three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. ⁶After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. ⁷After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron

teeth: it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns. ⁸I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before which there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. ⁹I beheld till thrones were cast down, and the ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. ¹⁰A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. ¹¹I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke: I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. ¹²As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. ¹³I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like a son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. ¹⁴And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom,

that all peoples, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

¹⁵I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* body, and the visions of my head troubled me. ¹⁶I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. ¹⁷These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, *that* shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. ¹⁹Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were* of iron, and his nails of brass; *which* devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; ²⁰And of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and of the other which came up, and before which three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke very great things, whose look *was* more stout than that of its fellows. ²¹I beheld, and the same horn made war with the holy ones, and prevailed against them; ²²Until the ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the holy ones of the Most High; and the time came that the holy ones possessed the kingdom. ²³Thus he

said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. ²⁴And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. ²⁵And he shall speak *great* words against the Most High, and shall wear out the holy ones of the Most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time. ²⁶But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. ²⁷And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the holy ones of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

²⁸Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my thoughts much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

8 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, *even* unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first. ²And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that

I *was* at Shushan in the palace, which *is* in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I *was* by the river of Ulai. ³Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had *two* horns: and the *two* horns *were* high; but one *was* higher than the other, and the higher came up last. ⁴I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither *was there any* that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

⁵And as I *was* considering, behold, a he-goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat *had* a conspicuous horn between his eyes. ⁶And he came to the ram that had *two* horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. ⁷And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he *was* moved with rage against him, and smote the ram, and broke his two horns: and there *was* no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there *was* none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. ⁸Therefore the he-goat waxed very great: and when he *was* strong, the great horn *was* broken; and for it came up four conspicuous ones

toward the four quarters of heaven.

⁹And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant *land*. ¹⁰And it waxed great, *even* to the host of heaven; and it cast down *some* of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. ¹¹Yea, he magnified *himself* even to the prince of the host, and the daily *sacrifice* *was* taken away from him, and the place of his sanctuary *was* cast down. ¹²And a host *was* given *him* against the daily *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it wrought, and prospered. ¹³Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said unto that certain one that spoke, How long *shall be* the vision concerning the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? ¹⁴And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

¹⁵And it came to pass, when I, *even* I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. ¹⁶And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the vision. ¹⁷So he came near where I stood:

and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man, that for the time of the end *is* the vision. ¹⁸Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. ¹⁹And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end *shall be*. ²⁰The ram which thou sawest having *two horns* are the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹And the rough he-goat *is* the king of Greece: and the great horn that *is* between his eyes *is* the first king. ²²Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. ²³And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. ²⁴And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. ²⁵And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. ²⁶And the vision of the evening and the morning

which was told *is* true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it *shall be* for many days.

²⁷And I Daniel was troubled, and was sick *certain* days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was disquieted by the vision, but understood it not.

9 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; ²In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. ³And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: ⁴And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; ⁵We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: ⁶Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, who spoke in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. ⁷O Lord, righteousness *belongeth* unto thee, but unto us confusion of face, as at this

day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, *that are near, and that are far off*, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. ⁸O Lord, to us *belongeth* confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. ⁹To the Lord our God *belong* mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him; ¹⁰Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. ¹¹Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that *is* written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. ¹²And he hath confirmed his words, which he spoke against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. ¹³As *it is* written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. ¹⁴Therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the Lord our God *is* righteous in all his works which he

doeth: for we obeyed not his voice. ¹⁵And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and has gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. ¹⁶O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers Jerusalem and thy people *are become* a reproach to all *that are* about us. ¹⁷Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. ¹⁸O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies. ¹⁹O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people *are* called by thy name.

²⁰And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God; ²¹Yea, while I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the

vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. ²²And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to make thee wise with understanding. ²³At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to tell thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. ²⁴Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy. ²⁵Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the anointed prince shall be seven weeks: and during threescore and two weeks it shall be built again, with street and trench, even in troublous times. ²⁶And after threescore and two weeks shall the anointed be cut off, and there shall be none to succeed him: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary: and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. ²⁷And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and for half of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and

the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

10 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

¹In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. ²I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. ³And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Tigris; ⁴Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: ⁵His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. ⁶And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. ⁷Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for

my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. ⁹Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground. ¹⁰And, behold, a hand touched me, which moved me upon my knees, and upon the palms of my hands. ¹¹And he said unto me, O Daniel, the man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. ¹²Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. ¹⁴Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

¹⁵And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb. ¹⁶And, behold, *one* like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spoke, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my

sorrows are turned upon me and I have retained no strength. ¹⁷For how can the servant of thy lord talk with this my lord, for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me. ¹⁸Then there came again and touched me *one* like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, ¹⁹And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me. ²⁰Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Greece shall come. ²¹But I will tell thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and *there is* none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

11 Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, *even* I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

²And now will I tell thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than *they* all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece. ³And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. ⁴And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be

broken, and shall be divided toward the four quarters of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others besides those.

⁸And the king of the south shall be strong, and *one* of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion *shall be* a great dominion.

⁹And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm: neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begot her, and he that strengthened her in *these* times.

¹⁰But out of a branch of her roots shall *one* stand up in his place, who shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail: ¹¹And shall also carry captive into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue *more* years than the king of the north. ¹²So the king of the south shall come into *his* kingdom, and shall return into his own land.

¹³But his *sons* shall be stirred

up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and *one* shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, *even* to his fortreas. ¹⁴And the king of the south shall be moved with rage, and shall come forth and fight with him, *even* with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand. ¹⁵And the multitude will be lifted up, and his heart shall be elated; and he shall cast down tens of thousands: but he shall not be strengthened *by it*.

¹⁶For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come at the end of times, *even* of years, with a great army and with much riches. ¹⁷And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south; also the sons of the rebellious among thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision: but they shall fall. ¹⁸So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mound, and take the fortified city: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither *shall there be any* strength to withstand. ¹⁹But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed. ²⁰He shall also set his face to enter

with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, to corrupt her: but she shall not stand *on his side*, neither be for him. ¹⁸After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease, without his *being able* to return this reproach unto him. ¹⁹Then he shall turn his face toward the forts of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

²⁰Then shall stand up in his place one that shall cause an exactor to pass through the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

²¹And in his place shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. ²²And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant. ²³And after the league *made* with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people. ²⁴He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do *that* which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: *yea*, and he shall fore-

cast his devices against the strongholds, even for a time.

²⁵And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall devise devices against him. ²⁶Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain. ²⁷And both these kings' hearts *shall be* to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end *shall be* at the time appointed. ²⁸Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart *shall be* against the holy covenant; and he shall do *exploits*, and return to his own land.

²⁹At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but not as in the former shall it be in the latter time. ³⁰For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

³¹And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. ³²And such

as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. ³³And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. ³⁴Now when they shall fall, they shall be helped with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. ³⁵And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

³⁶And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. ³⁷Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. ³⁸But in his place shall he honour the God of strongholds: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. ³⁹Thus shall he do in the strongest forts with a strange god; whosoever acknowledgeth him he will increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule

over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

⁴⁰And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. ⁴¹He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. ⁴²He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. ⁴³But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. ⁴⁴But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. ⁴⁵And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

12 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall

be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. ²And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

⁴But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

⁵Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. ⁶And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, who *was* upon the waters of the river, How long *shall it be* to the end of these wonders? ⁷And I heard the man clothed in linen, *who was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left unto heaven,

and swore by him that liveth forever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and a half; and when he shall have accomplished to break the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.

⁸And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, *what shall be* the end of these *things*? ⁹And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end. ¹⁰Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. ¹¹And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days. ¹²Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. ¹³But go thou thy way till the end *be*: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, *'Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 'Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem. 'And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, besides the freewill-offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.*

'Then rose up the heads of families of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem. 'And all they that were about them strengthened their

hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered.

'Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods; 'Even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. 'And this is the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives, ¹⁰Thirty cups of gold, silver cups of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand. ¹¹All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up with them of the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

2 Now these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came back unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city; *'They that came with*

Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of Israel:

³The children of Parosh, two thousand a hundred seventy and two. ⁴The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two. ⁵The children of Arah, seven hundred seventy and five. ⁶The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve. ⁷The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. ⁸The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five. ⁹The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore. ¹⁰The children of Bani, six hundred forty and two. ¹¹The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three. ¹²The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two. ¹³The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six. ¹⁴The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six. ¹⁵The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four. ¹⁶The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. ¹⁷The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three. ¹⁸The children of Jorah, a hundred and twelve. ¹⁹The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three. ²⁰The children of Gibbar, ninety and five. ²¹The children of Beth-lehem, a hundred twenty and three. ²²The men of Netophah, fifty and six. ²³The men of Anathoth, a

hundred twenty and eight. ²⁴The children of Azmaveth, forty and two. ²⁵The children of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three. ²⁶The children of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one. ²⁷The men of Michmas, a hundred twenty and two. ²⁸The men of Beth-el, and Ai, two hundred twenty and three. ²⁹The children of Nebo, fifty and two. ³⁰The children of Magbish, a hundred fifty and six. ³¹The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. ³²The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty. ³³The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five. ³⁴The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five. ³⁵The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.

³⁶The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three. ³⁷The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. ³⁸The children of Pashhur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven. ³⁹The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

⁴⁰The Levites: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy and four. ⁴¹The singers: the children of Asaph, a hundred twenty and eight. ⁴²The children of the gatekeepers: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the

children of Shobai, in all a hundred thirty and nine.

⁴³The Nethinim: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth, ⁴⁴The children of Keros, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon. ⁴⁵The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub, ⁴⁶The children of Hagab, the children of Shalmi, the children of Hanan, ⁴⁷The children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah, ⁴⁸The children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam, ⁴⁹The children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai, ⁵⁰The children of Asnah, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephusim, ⁵¹The children of Bakhuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, ⁵²The children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, ⁵³The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Thamah, ⁵⁴The children of Nezia, the children of Hatipha.

⁵⁵The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda, ⁵⁶The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, ⁵⁷The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Ami. ⁵⁸All the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

⁵⁹And these were they that went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer: but they could not tell their father's house, and their seed, whether they were of Israel: ⁶⁰The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobaiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two. ⁶¹And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai; who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name: ⁶²These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood. ⁶³And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.

⁶⁴The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and three-score, ⁶⁵Besides their servants and their maids, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and there were among them two hundred singing men and singing women. ⁶⁶Their horses were seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five; ⁶⁷Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

⁶⁸And some of the heads of families, when they came to the

house of the Lord which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in its place: ⁹They gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand manehs of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.

¹⁰So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the gate-keepers, and the Nethinim, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

3 And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. ²Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. ³And they set the altar upon its bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt-offerings thereon unto the Lord, even burnt-offerings morning and evening. ⁴They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt-offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required: ⁵And afterward offered the continual burnt-offering, and that of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the

Lord that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill-offering unto the Lord. ⁶From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt-offerings unto the Lord, but the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid.

⁷They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Sidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar-trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

⁸Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to oversee the work of the house of the Lord. ⁹Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to oversee the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites. ¹⁰And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the Lord, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.

¹¹And they sang in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord; because *he is good*, for his mercy *endureth* for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. ¹²But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, *who were* old men, that had seen the first house with their eyes, when the foundation of this house was laid, they wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: ¹³So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

4 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the Lord God of Israel; ²Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the heads of the families, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye *do*; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assur, who brought us up hither. ³But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of the families of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build a house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the Lord God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.

⁴Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, ⁵And hired counselors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia. ⁶And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they *unto him* an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

⁷And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter *was* written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue. ⁸Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort: ⁹Then *wrote* Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, *and* the Elamites. ¹⁰And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Assnapper brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest *that are* on this side the River, and so forth. ¹¹This *is* the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, *even* unto Artaxerxes the king; Thy servants the men on this side the River, and so forth. ¹²Be it known unto the

king, that the Jews who came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have finished the walls *thereof*, and joined the foundations. ¹³Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls be finished, *then* will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and the revenue of the kings will suffer loss. ¹⁴Now because we have maintenance from *the king's* palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dishonour, therefore have we sent and certified the king; ¹⁵That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed. ¹⁶We certify the king that, if this city be builded *again*, and the walls thereof finished, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the River.

¹⁷*Then* sent the king an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and unto the rest beyond the River, Peace, and so forth. ¹⁸The letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me. ¹⁹And I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made in-

surrection against kings, and *that* rebellion and sedition have been made therein. ²⁰There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all *the countries* beyond the River; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them. ²¹Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until *another* commandment shall be given from me. ²²Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

²³Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power. ²⁴Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

5 Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that *were* in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, *even* unto them. ²Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them *were* the prophets of God helping them. ³At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the River, and Shethar-boznai, and their companions, and said thus

unto them, Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to finish these walls? ⁴Then said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men that make this building? ⁵But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answer by letter concerning this *matter*.

⁶The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side the River, and Shethar-boznai, and his companions the Apharsachites, that *were* on this side the River, sent unto Darius the king: ⁷They sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace. ⁸Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands. ⁹Then asked we those elders, *and* said unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to finish these walls? ¹⁰We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that *were* the chief of them. ¹¹And thus they returned *as* answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded and finished. ¹²But after that our fathers had pro-

voked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon. ¹³But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon *the same* king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God. ¹⁴And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple, that *was* in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto *one*, whose name *was* Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor; ¹⁵And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that *is* in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in its place. ¹⁶Then came the same Sheshbazzar, *and* laid the foundation of the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and *yet* it is not finished. ¹⁷Now therefore, if *it seem* good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure-house, which *is* there at Babylon, whether it be *so*, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

6 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls,

where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. ²And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein *was* a record thus written: ³In the first year of Cyrus the king *the same* Cyrus the king made a decree *concerning* the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits; ⁴*With* three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the king's house: ⁵And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought back unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, *every one* to its place, and place *them* in the house of God.

⁶Now *therefore*, Tatnai, governor beyond the River, Shethar-boznai, and your companions the Apharsachites, who *are* beyond the River, be ye far from thence: ⁷Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in its place. ⁸Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, *even* of the

tribute beyond the River, forthwith expenses be given unto these men, that they be not hindered. ⁹And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt-offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests that *are* at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail: ¹⁰That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons. ¹¹Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this. ¹²And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and peoples, that shall put forth their hand to alter *and* to destroy this house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed.

¹³Then Tatnai, governor on this side the River, Shethar-boznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily. ¹⁴And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius,

and Artaxerxes king of Persia. ¹⁰And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

¹¹And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy, ¹²And offered at the dedication of this house of God a hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin-offering for all Israel, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. ¹³And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.

¹⁴And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month. ¹⁵For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the passover-lamb for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. ¹⁶And the children of Israel, that were come back out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the nations of the land, to seek the Lord God of Israel, did eat, ¹⁷And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the Lord had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their

hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

7 Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, ²The son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, ³The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, ⁴The son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, ⁵The son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest: ⁶This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the Lord his God upon him. ⁷And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the gate-keepers, and the Nethinim, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. ⁸And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. ⁹For upon the first day of the first month was the beginning of the going up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. ¹⁰For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

¹¹Now this is the copy of the

letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, *even* a scribe of the words of the commandments of the Lord, and of his statutes to Israel.

¹²Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, the perfect, and so forth. ¹³I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, that are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.

¹⁴Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand; ¹⁵And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem, ¹⁶And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill-offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem:

¹⁷That thou mayest buy speedily with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem. ¹⁸And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do ye after the will of your God.

¹⁹The vessels also that are given

thee for the service of the house of thy God, *those* deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem.

²⁰And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow *it* out of the king's treasure-house. ²¹And I,

even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers that *are* beyond the River, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you,

it be done speedily, ²²Unto a hundred talents of silver, and to a hundred measures of wheat, and to a hundred baths of wine, and to a hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing *how much*. ²³Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?

²⁴Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, gate-keepers, Nethinim, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them. ²⁵And thou, Ezra,

after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, who may judge all the people that *are* beyond the River, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know *them* not. ²⁶And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily

upon him, whether *it be* unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

²⁷Blessed *be* the Lord God of our fathers, who hath put *such a thing* as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the Lord which *is* in Jerusalem: ²⁸And hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened as the hand of the Lord my God *was* upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

8 These *are* now the heads of families, and *this is* the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king. ²Of the sons of Phinehas; Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; Hattush. ³Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of Pharosh; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males a hundred and fifty. ⁴Of the sons of Pahath-moab; Eliehoenai the son of Zechariah, and with him two hundred males. ⁵Of the sons of Shechaniah; the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males. ⁶Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males. ⁷And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males. ⁸And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him fourscore

males. ⁹Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males. ¹⁰And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah, and with him a hundred and threescore males. ¹¹And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males. ¹²And of the sons of Azgad; Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him a hundred and ten males. ¹³And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names *are* these, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore males. ¹⁴Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai, and Zabud, and with them seventy males.

¹⁵And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi. ¹⁶Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariei, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, men of understanding. ¹⁷And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say unto Iddo, *and* to his brethren the Nethinim, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God. ¹⁸And by the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of understanding, of the

sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen; ¹⁹And Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty; ²⁰Also of the Nethinim, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinim: all of them were expressed by name. ²¹Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substances. ²²For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him. ²³So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was entreated for us. ²⁴Then I separated twelve of the chiefs of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them, ²⁵And weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, *even* the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel *there* present, had offered: ²⁶I even weighed unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels a hundred talents, *and* of

gold a hundred talents; ²⁷Also twenty cups of gold, of a thousand drams; and two vessels of fine bright copper, precious as gold. ²⁸And I said unto them, Ye *are* holy unto the Lord; the vessels *are* holy also; and the silver and the gold *are* a freewill-offering unto the Lord God of your fathers. ²⁹Watch ye, and keep *them*, until ye weigh *them* before the chiefs of the priests and the Levites, and the chiefs of the families of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the Lord. ³⁰So took the priests and the Levites the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring *them* to Jerusalem unto the house of our God. ³¹Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth *day* of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way. ³²And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days. ³³Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him *was* Eleazar the son of Phinehas: and with them *was* Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites; ³⁴By number *and* by weight of every one: and all the weight was written at that time. ³⁵The children of the exile, that were come out of the captivity, offered

burnt-offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he-goats for a sin-offering: all *this was* a burnt-offering unto the Lord. ³⁴And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's satraps, and to the governors on this side the River: and they furthered the people, and the house of God.

9 Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, *doing* according to their abominations, *even* of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. ¹For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the peoples of *those* lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass. ²And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down appalled. ³Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat appalled until the evening sacrifice.

⁴And at the evening sacrifice

I arose up from my fasting; and having rent my garment and *my* mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the Lord my God, ⁵And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens. ⁶Since the days of our fathers *have we been* in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, *and* our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. ⁷And now for a little space grace hath been *shewn* from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. ⁸For we *were* bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the ruins thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. ¹⁰And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, ¹¹Which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the peoples of the lands,

with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness.

¹²Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever. ¹³And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities *deserve*, and hast given us *such* deliverance as this; ¹⁴Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the peoples of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that *there should be* no remnant nor escaping? ¹⁵O Lord God of Israel, thou *art* righteous; for we remain yet escaped, as *it is* this day: behold, we *are* before thee in our guilt, though none can stand before thee because of this.

10 Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore. ²And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, *one* of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and

have taken strange wives of the peoples of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. ³Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. ⁴Arise; for *this* matter *belongeth* unto thee: we also *will* be with thee: be of good courage, and do it.

⁵Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they swore. ⁶Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and *when* he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the trespass *of them* of the exile.

⁷And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the exile, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem: ⁸And that whosoever would not come within three days according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of exiles.

⁹Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It ~~was~~ the

ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of *this* matter, and because of the pouring rain. ¹⁰And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. ¹¹Now therefore make confession unto the Lord, the God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the strange wives.

¹²Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do. ¹³But the people *are* many, and *it is* a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither *is this* a work of one day or two: for we are many that have transgressed in this thing. ¹⁴Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them that have taken strange wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter he turned from us.

¹⁵Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahazeiah the son of Tikvah were employed about this matter; and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them. ¹⁶And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain chiefs of the fathers, after the house of their fathers,

and all of them by *their* names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. ¹⁷And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.

¹⁸And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives: *namely*, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah. ¹⁹And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and *being* guilty, *they offered* a ram of the flock for their trespass. ²⁰And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah. ²¹And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uziah. ²²And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasa. ²³Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, (the same *is* Kelita,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. ²⁴Of the singers also; Eliashib: and of the gatekeepers; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

²⁵Moreover of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Iziah, and Malchiah, and Mijamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah. ²⁶And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Elijah. ²⁷And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad,

and Aziza. ²⁸Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, *and* Athlai. ²⁹And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Mal-luch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth. ³⁰And of the sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mat-taniah, Bezalel, and Binnui, and Manasseh. ³¹And *of* the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchi-jah, Shemaiah, Shimeon, ³²Ben-jamin, Malluch, *and* Shemariah. ³³Of the sons of Hashum; Mat-tenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphe-l't, Jeremai, Manasseh, *and* Shi-

mei. ³⁴Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel, ³⁵Be-naiah, Bedeiah, Chelluhu, ³⁶Van-iah, Meremoth, Eliashib, ³⁷Mat-taniah, Mattenai, and Jaasi, ³⁸And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, ³⁹And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adu-iah, ⁴⁰Machnadebai, Shashai, Sho-rai, ⁴¹Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah, ⁴²Shallum, Amariah, *and* Joseph. ⁴³Of the sons of Ne-bo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Ze-bina, Iaddi, and Joel, Benaiah. ⁴⁴All these had taken strange wives: *and some of them had* wives by whom they had children.

NEHEMIAH

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah.

And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, ²That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and *certain* men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, that were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. ³And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province *are* in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also *is* broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. ⁴And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *certain* days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, ⁵And said, I beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: ⁶Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee:

both I and my father's house have sinned. ⁷We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses. ⁸Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, *If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:* ⁹But *if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.* ¹⁰Now these *are* thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. ¹¹O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy, in the sight of this man.

And I was the king's cup-bearer.

2 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king,

that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence. ²Wherefore the king said unto me, Why *is* thy countenance sad, seeing thou *art* not sick? *this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,* ³And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, *lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?* ⁴Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. ⁵And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. ⁶And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. ⁷Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the River, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; ⁸And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which *appertained* to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into.

And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

⁹Then I came to the governors beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me. ¹⁰When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

¹¹So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days. ¹²And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I *any* man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither *was there any* beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon. ¹³And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire. ¹⁴Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but *there was* no place for the beast *that was* under me to pass. ¹⁵Then went I up in the night by the valley, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned. ¹⁶And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the ru-

lers, nor to the rest that did the work.

¹⁷Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. ¹⁸Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

¹⁹But when Sanballat the Hironite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king? ²⁰Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

3 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel. ²And next unto him builded the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri. ³But the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build, who also laid the beams thereof, and

set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. ⁴And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Mesheza-beel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana. ⁵And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord. ⁶Moreover the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. ⁷And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governor on this side the River. ⁸Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired Hananiah the son of one of the apothecaries, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall. ⁹And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem. ¹⁰And next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabneiah. ¹¹Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahath-moab, repaired another part, and the tower of the furnaces. ¹²And next unto him re-

paired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, he and his daughters. ¹³The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate. ¹⁴But the dung gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Beth-haccherem; he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. ¹⁵But the gate of the fountain repaired Shallum the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of the district of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David. ¹⁶After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of half the district of Beth-zur, unto *the place* over against the sepulchres of David, and to the pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty. ¹⁷After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of half the district of Keilah, in his district. ¹⁸After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of half the district of Keilah. ¹⁹And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah another part over against the going

up to the armoury at the angle. ²⁰After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired another part, from the angle unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. ²¹After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz another part, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib. ²²And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain. ²³After him repaired Benjamin and Hashub over against their house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maseiah the son of Ananiah by his house. ²⁴After him repaired Binui the son of Henadad another part, from the house of Azariah unto the angle, even unto the corner. ²⁵Palal the son of Uzai, over against the angle, and the tower which lieth out from the king's high house, that was by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh. ²⁶Moreover the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel, unto *the place* over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out. ²⁷After them the Tekoites repaired another part, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel. ²⁸From above the horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his house. ²⁹After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house. After him repaired also Shemalah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate. ³⁰After him repaired

Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zaphan, another part. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber. ²¹After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's son unto the place of the Nethinim, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the upper chamber of the corner. ²²And between the upper chamber of the corner unto the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

²³But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. ²⁴And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned? ²⁵Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

²⁶Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them to a prey in a land of captivity: ²⁷And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.

²⁸So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof; for the people

had a mind to work.

4 But it came to pass, *that* when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were restored, *and* that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, ²And conspired all of them together to come *and* to fight against Jerusalem, and to do him mischief. ³Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. ⁴And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is failing, *and there is much rubbish*; so that we are not able to build the wall. ⁵And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst of them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease. ⁶And it came to pass, that when the Jews that dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, From all places whence ye shall return unto us *they will be* upon us. ⁷Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, *and* on the dry places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows. ⁸And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, *who is great and terrible*, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

⁹And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one to his work. ¹⁰And it came to pass from that time forth, *that* the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers *were* behind all the house of Judah. ¹¹They that builded on the wall, and they that bore burdens, with those that *laden*, *every one* with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other *hand* held a weapon. ¹²For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet *was* by me. ¹³And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another. ¹⁴In what place *therefore* ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.

¹⁵So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared. ¹⁶Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour in the day. ¹⁷So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor

the men of the guard that followed me, none of us put off our clothes, every one *going with* his weapon to the water.

5 And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren, the Jews. ²For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters *are* many: therefore we take up corn *for them*, that we may eat and live. ³*Some* also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses that we might buy corn, because of the dearth. ⁴There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, *and that upon* our lands and vineyards. ⁵Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and *some* of our daughters are brought unto bondage *already*: neither is it in our power to *redeem them*; for other men have our lands and vineyards.

⁶And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words. ⁷Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them. ⁸And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, that were sold unto the nations; and will ye even sell your brethren, that they be *again* sold unto us? Then held they

their peace, and found nothing to answer. ⁹Also I said, It is not good what ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the nations our enemies? ¹⁰I likewise, and my brethren, and my servants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury. ¹¹Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them. ¹²Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise. ¹³Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the Lord. And the people did according to this promise.

¹⁴Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor. ¹⁵But the former governors that had been before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and

wine, besides forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bore rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God. ¹⁶Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered thither unto the work. ¹⁷Moreover there were at my table a hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, besides those that came unto us from among the nations that were about us. ¹⁸Now that which was prepared for me daily was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people. ¹⁹Remember upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.

6 Now it came to pass, when

Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;) ²That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief. ³And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down

to you? ⁴Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner. ⁵Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand; ⁶Wherein *was* written, It is reported among the nations, and Gashmu saith *it, that* thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words. ⁷And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, *There is* a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together. ⁸Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart. ⁹For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, *O God*, strengthen my hands.

¹⁰Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who *was* shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee. ¹¹And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who *is there*, that, *being* as I *am*, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.

¹²And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. ¹³Therefore *was* he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and *that* they might have *matter* for an evil report, that they might reproach me. ¹⁴My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

¹⁵So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth *day* of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.

¹⁶And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard *thereof*, and all the nations that *were* about us saw *these things*, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

¹⁷Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and *the letters* of Tobiah came unto them. ¹⁸For *there were* many in Judah sworn unto him, because he *was* the son-in-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah. ¹⁹Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

7 Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the doorkeepers and the singers and the

Levites were appointed, ²That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he *was* a faithful man, and feared God above many. ³And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar *them*: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one *to be over against* his house. ⁴Now the city *was* large and great: but the people *were* few therein, and the houses *were* not builded. ⁵And my God put into mine heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of them which came up at the first, and found written therein:

⁶These *are* the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity of the exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came back to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city; ⁷Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of Israel *was this*: ⁸The children of Parosh, two thousand a hundred seventy and two. ⁹The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two. ¹⁰The children of Arah, six hundred

fifty and two. ¹¹The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred *and* eighteen.

¹²The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

¹³The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five. ¹⁴The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

¹⁵The children of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight. ¹⁶The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight.

¹⁷The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two. ¹⁸The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven.

¹⁹The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven. ²⁰The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five.

²¹The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. ²²The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight.

²³The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four. ²⁴The children of Hariph, a hundred and twelve.

²⁵The children of Gibeon, ninety and five. ²⁶The men of Beth-lehem and Netophah, a hundred fourscore and eight.

²⁷The men of Anathoth, a hundred twenty and eight. ²⁸The men of Beth-azmaveth, forty and two.

²⁹The men of Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three. ³⁰The men of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.

³¹The men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty and two. ³²The men of Beth-el and Ai, a hundred twenty and three. ³³The men of the other

Nebo, fifty and two. ³⁴The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. ³⁵The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty. ³⁶The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five. ³⁷The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one. ³⁸The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty. ³⁹The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three. ⁴⁰The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. ⁴¹The children of Pashhur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven. ⁴²The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

⁴³The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, *and* of the children of Hodevah, seventy and four. ⁴⁴The singers: the children of Asaph, a hundred forty and eight. ⁴⁵The doorkeepers: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, a hundred thirty and eight.

⁴⁶The Nethinim: the children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth, ⁴⁷The children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon, ⁴⁸The children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Salmai, ⁴⁹The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, ⁵⁰The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin,

the children of Nekoda, ⁵¹The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah. ⁵²The children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephishesim, ⁵³The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, ⁵⁴The children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, ⁵⁵The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah, ⁵⁶The children of Neziah, the children of Hattipha.

⁵⁷The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida, ⁵⁸The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, ⁵⁹The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Amon. ⁶⁰All the Nethinim, *and* the children of Solomon's servants, *were* three hundred ninety and two. ⁶¹And these *were* they that went up *also* from Tel-melah, Tel-haresha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not tell their father's house, nor their seed, whether they *were* of Israel. ⁶²The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two. ⁶³And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, who took *one* of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name. ⁶⁴These sought their register a-

mong those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found; therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood. ⁴⁰And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.

⁴¹The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore, ⁴²Besides their man-servants and their maid-servants, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven; and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women. ⁴³Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five: ⁴⁴Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty. ⁴⁵And some of the heads of families gave unto the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basins, five hundred and thirty priests' garments. ⁴⁶And some of the heads of families gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred manehs of silver. ⁴⁷And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand manehs of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.

⁴⁸So the priests, and the Levites, and the gate-keepers, and the singers, and *some* of the peo-

ple, and the Nethinim, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities.

And when the seventh month came, the children of Israel *were* in their cities.

8 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spoke unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel. ²And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read therein before the open place that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people *were attentive* unto the book of the law. ⁴And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbaddana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: ⁶And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lift-

ing up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord with *their* faces to the ground. ⁷Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maa-seiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people *stood* in their place. ⁸So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused *them* to understand the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who *was* the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day *is* holy unto the Lord your God; mourn not nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this* day *is* holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord *is* your strength. ¹¹So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day *is* holy; neither be ye grieved. ¹²And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

¹³And on the second day were gathered together the chiefs of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto

Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law. ¹⁴And they found written in the law which the Lord had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month: ¹⁵And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and oleaster branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as *it is* written.

¹⁶So the people went forth, and brought *them*, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the open place of the water gate, and in the open place at the gate of Ephraim. ¹⁷And all the congregation of them that were come back out of the captivity made booths, and dwelt in the booths: for since the days of Joshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness. ¹⁸Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day *was* a solemn assembly, according unto the ordinance.

9 Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sack

clothes, and earth upon them. ³And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. ⁴And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the Lord their God *one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the Lord their God.* ⁵Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Hunni, Sherebiah, Bani, *and* Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the Lord their God.

⁶Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabnih, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, *and* Pethahiah, said, Stand up *and* bless the Lord your God for ever and ever: and let them bless thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

⁷Thou, *even* thou, *art* Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee. ⁸Thou *art* the Lord the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldeans, and gavest him the name of Abraham; ⁹And foundedst his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite, and

the Girgashite, to give it to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou *art* righteous:

¹⁰And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and hearest their cry by the Red Sea;

¹¹And shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the peoples of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as it is this day.

¹²And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the depths, as a stone into the mighty waters.

¹³Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a pillar of cloud; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go. ¹⁴Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments:

¹⁵And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant: ¹⁶And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst lifted up thine hand to give them. ¹⁷But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and

hearkened not to thy commandments, ¹⁷And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not. ¹⁸Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations; ¹⁹Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go. ²⁰Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and witheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. ²¹Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

²²Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and peoples, and didst distribute them into *different* regions: so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan. ²³Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised

to their fathers, that they should go in to possess *it*. ²⁴So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they would. ²⁵And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

²⁶Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets who testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations. ²⁷Therefore thou deliveredst them unto the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou hearest *them* from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies. ²⁸But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou hearest *them* from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them

according to thy mercies; ²⁹And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them back unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear. ³⁰Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit through thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. ³¹Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God.

³²Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day. ³³Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly: ³⁴Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them. ³⁵For they have not served thee

in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.

³⁶Behold, we are servants this day, and as for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold we are servants in it: ³⁷And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress.

10 And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and on the sealed writing are our princes, our Levites, and our priests. ²Now those that sealed were, Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah, ³Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, ⁴Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah, ⁵Hattush, Shebaniah, Maluch, ⁶Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, ⁷Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, ⁸Messullam, Abijah, Mijamin, ⁹Maziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these were the priests. ¹⁰And the Levites: Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; ¹¹And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiiah, Hanan, ¹²Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah, ¹³Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, ¹⁴Hodijah, Bani, Beninu. ¹⁵The chiefs of the people; Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, ¹⁶Bunni, Azgad, Bebai

¹⁷Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, ¹⁸Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur, ¹⁹Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai, ²⁰Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, ²¹Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, ²²Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua, ²³Pelatiah, Hanan, Ananiah, ²⁴Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub, ²⁵Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek, ²⁶Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, ²⁷And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan, ²⁸Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

²⁹And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Nethinim, and all they that had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding; ³⁰They clove to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our God, and his judgments and his statutes; ³¹And that we would not give our daughters unto the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons: ³²And if the peoples of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, *that* we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day: and *that* we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

³³Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of

our God; ³⁴For the shewbread, and for the continual meal-offering, and for the continual burnt-offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin-offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and *for* all the work of the house of our God. ³⁵And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood-offering, to bring *it* into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the Lord our God, as *it is* written in the law: ³⁶And to bring the first-fruits of our ground, and the first-fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the Lord: ³⁷Also the first-born of our sons, and of our cattle, as *it is* written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God: ³⁸And *that* we should bring the first of our dough, and our heave-offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God: and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage. ³⁹And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of

our God, to the chambers, into the treasure-house. ¹⁰For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the heave-offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the door-keepers, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

11 And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities. ²And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell in Jerusalem.

³Now these are the chiefs of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants. ⁴And in Jerusalem dwelt certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of Uziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the children of Perez; ⁵And Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni. ⁶All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred three-

score and eight valiant men.

⁷And these are the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah. ⁸And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight. ⁹And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer: and Judah the son of Senuah was second over the city.

¹⁰Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin. ¹¹Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the ruler of the house of God. ¹²And their brethren that did the work of the house were eight hundred twenty and two: and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah. ¹³And his brethren, heads of families, two hundred forty and two: and Amashesai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahazai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, ¹⁴And their brethren, mighty men of valour, a hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of Haggadolim.

¹⁵Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; ¹⁶And Shab-bethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, had the oversight of the outward business of the house of God. ¹⁷And Mattaniah

the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *was* the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakkukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. ¹⁸All the Levites in the holy city *were* two hundred fourscore and four.

¹⁹Moreover the gate-keepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept the gates, *were* a hundred seventy and two. ²⁰And the residue of Israel, of the priests, *and* the Levites, *were* in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance. ²¹But the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel: and Zina and Gishpa *were* over the Nethinim.

²²The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem *was* Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers *were* over the business of the house of God. ²³For there *was* a commandment from the king concerning them, and an ordinance for the singers *concerning* the duty of every day. ²⁴And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, *was* at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

²⁵And for the villages, with their fields, *some* of the children of Judah dwelt at Kirjath-arba, and *in* the villages thereof, and at Dibon, and *in* the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and *in*

the villages thereof, ²⁶And at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Beth-pelet, ²⁷And at Hazar-shual, and at Beer-sheba, and *in* the villages thereof, ²⁸And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and in the villages thereof, ²⁹And at En-rimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth, ³⁰Zanoah, Adullam, and *in* their villages, at Lachish, and the fields thereof, at Azekah, and *in* the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Beer-sheba unto the valley of Hinnom. ³¹The children also of Benjamin from Geba dwelt at Michmash, and Aija, and Beth-el, and *in* their villages, ³²And at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, ³³Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, ³⁴Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, ³⁵Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen. ³⁶And of the Levites *were* divisions *in* Judah, and *in* Benjamin.

12 Now these *are* the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, ²Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, ³Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth, ⁴Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah, ⁵Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, ⁶Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah, ⁷Sallu, Amok, Hilkiyah, Jedaiah. These *were* the chiefs of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jeshua.

⁸Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, *who was* over the thanksgiving, he and his brethren. ⁹Also Bakkukiah and Unni, their brethren, *were* over against them in the watches.

¹⁰And Jeshua begot Joiakim, Joiakim also begot Eliashib, and Eliashib begot Joiada, ¹¹And Joiada begot Jonathan, and Jonathan begot Jaddua.

¹²And in the days of Joiakim were priests, the heads of families: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; ¹³Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; ¹⁴Of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph; ¹⁵Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; ¹⁶Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; ¹⁷Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai; ¹⁸Of Bilgah, Shammua; of She-maiah, Jehonathan; ¹⁹And of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; ²⁰Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; ²¹Of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.

²²The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, were recorded heads of families: also the priests, to the reign of Darius the Persian.

²³The sons of Levi, the heads of families, were written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib. ²⁴And the chiefs of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherubiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over against ward. ²⁵Mattaniah, and Bakhukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were door-keepers keeping the ward at the

thresholds of the gates. ²⁶These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

²⁷And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps. ²⁸And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of the Netophathites; ²⁹Also from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem. ³⁰And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

³¹Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks, whereof one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate: ³²And after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah, ³³And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, ³⁴Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, ³⁵And certain of the priests' sons with trumpets; namely, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of She-maiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of

Zaccur, the son of Asaph: ³⁶And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azareel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them. ³⁷And at the fountain gate, and straight before them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward. ³⁸And the other company of them that gave thanks went over against them, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall; ³⁹And from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the prison gate. ⁴⁰So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me: ⁴¹And the priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets; ⁴²And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer. ⁴³Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jeru-

salem was heard even afar off.

⁴⁴And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings for the first-fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited, ⁴⁵And kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, and were singers and gate-keepers, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son. ⁴⁶For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chiefs of the singers and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God. ⁴⁷And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the gate-keepers, every day his portion: and they sanctified things unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified portions unto the children of Aaron.

13 On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever; ²Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing. ³Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they

separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

⁴And before this, Eliashib the priest, appointed over the chamber of the house of our God, *was* allied unto Tobiah: ⁵And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meal-offering, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded *to be given* to the Levites, and the singers, and the gate-keepers; and the offerings of the priests. ⁶But in all this *time* was not I at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I unto the king, and after certain days obtained I leave of the king: ⁷And I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. ⁸And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber. ⁹Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers; and thither brought I hack the vessels of the house of God, with the meal-offering and the frankincense.

¹⁰And I learned that the portions of the Levites had not been given *them*: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field. ¹¹Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in

their place. ¹²Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries. ¹³And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them *was* Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithful, and their office *was* to distribute unto their brethren.

¹⁴Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.

¹⁵In those days saw I in Judah *some* treading wine-presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all *manner* of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified *against* them in the day wherein they sold victuals. ¹⁶There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, who brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. ¹⁷Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? ¹⁸Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.

¹⁹And it came to pass, that

when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and *some* of my servants set I at the gates, *that* there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. ²⁰So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. ²¹Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do *so* again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no *more* on the sabbath.

²²And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and *that* they should come *and* keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day.

Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

²³In those days also saw I Jews *that* had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, *and* of Moab: ²⁴And their children spoke half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people. ²⁵And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them,

and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, *saying*, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves. ²⁶Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did strange women cause to sin. ²⁷Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange women?

²⁸And *one* of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, *was* son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me.

²⁹Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.

³⁰Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his business; ³¹And for the wood-offering, at times appointed, and for the first-fruits.

Remember me, O my God, for good.

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FIRST CHRONICLES

1 Adam, Sheth, Enosh, ²Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered, ³Henoch, Methuselah, Lemech, ⁴Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

⁵The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. ⁶And the sons of Gomer; Ashchenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. ⁷And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

⁸The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. ⁹And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah; Sheha, and Dedan. ¹⁰And Cush begot Nimrod: he began to be mighty upon the earth. ¹¹And Mizraim begot Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, ¹²And Pathrusim, and Caslulim, (of whom came the Philistines,) and Caphthorim. ¹³And Canaan begot Sidon his first-born, and Heth, ¹⁴The Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, ¹⁵And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, ¹⁶And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

¹⁷The sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech. ¹⁸And Ar-

pachshad begot Shelah, and Shelah begot Eber. ¹⁹And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg; because in his days the earth was divided: and his brother's name was Joktan. ²⁰And Joktan begot Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, ²¹Hadoram also, and Uzal, and Diklah, ²²And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba, ²³And Ophir, and Havilah, and Johab. All these were the sons of Joktan.

²⁴Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah, ²⁵Eber, Peleg, Reu, ²⁶Serug, Nahor, Terah, ²⁷Abram; the same is Abraham. ²⁸The sons of Abraham; Isaac, and Ishmael.

²⁹These are their generations: The first-born of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, ³⁰Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema, ³¹Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.

³²Now the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bore Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan; Sheba, and Dedan. ³³And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Henoah, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these are the sons of Keturah.

³⁴And Abraham begot Isaac. The sons of Isaac; Esau and Israel.

³⁵The sons of Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah. ³⁶The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Tinna, and Amalek. ³⁷The sons of Reuel; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

³⁸And the sons of Seir; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. ³⁹And the sons of Lotan; Hori, and Homam: and Timna was Lotan's sister. ⁴⁰The sons of Shobal; Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah. ⁴¹The sons of Anah; Dishon. And the sons of Dishon; Amram, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. ⁴²The sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and Zavan, and Jakan. The sons of Dishan; Uz, and Aran.

⁴³Now these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the children of Israel; Bela the son of Beor: and the name of his city was Dinhabah. ⁴⁴And when Bela was dead, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. ⁴⁵And when Jobab was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead. ⁴⁶And when Husham was dead, Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith. ⁴⁷And

when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

⁴⁸And when Samlah was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth by the River reigned in his stead. ⁴⁹And when Shaul was dead, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead. ⁵⁰And when Baal-hanan was dead, Hadad reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pai; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab. ⁵¹Hadad died also.

And the dukes of Edom were; duke Timnah, duke Aliah, duke Jetheth, ⁵²Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon, ⁵³Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar, ⁵⁴Duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These are the dukes of Edom.

2 These are the sons of Israel; Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun, ²Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

³The sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah: which three were born unto him of the daughter of Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, the first-born of Judah, was evil in the sight of the Lord; and he slew him. ⁴And Tamar his daughter-in-law bore him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five.

⁵The sons of Perez; Hezron, and Hamul. ⁶And the sons of Zerah; Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara: five of them in all. ⁷And the sons of Carmi; Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the

thing accursed. ⁸And the sons of Ethan; Azariah.

⁹The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai. ¹⁰And Ram begot Amminadab; and Amminadab begot Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah; ¹¹And Nahshon begot Salma, and Salma begot Boaz, ¹²And Boaz begot Obed, and Obed begot Jesse, ¹³And Jesse begot his first-born Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third. ¹⁴Nathaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, ¹⁵Ozem the sixth, David the seventh; ¹⁶Whose sisters were Zeruiah, and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three. ¹⁷And Abigail bore Amasa: and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmeelite.

¹⁸And Caleb the son of Hezron begot children of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth: her sons are these; Jeshur, and Shobab, and Ardon. ¹⁹And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took unto him Ephrath, who bore him Hur. ²⁰And Hur begot Uri, and Uri begot Bezaleel.

²¹And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was threescore years old; and she bore him Segub. ²²And Segub begot Jair, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead. ²³And he took Geshur, and Aram, with the towns of Jair, from them, with Kenath, and the towns thereof, ²⁴even threescore cities. All these

belonged to the sons of Machir the father of Gilead. ²⁵And after that Hezron was dead in Calebephratah, then Abiah Hezron's wife bore him Ashur the father of Tekoa.

²⁶And the sons of Jerahmeel the first-born of Hezron were, Ram the first-born, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, and Ahijah. ²⁷Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

²⁸And the sons of Ram the first-born of Jerahmeel were, Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. ²⁹And the sons of Onam were, Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai; Nadab, and Abishur. ³⁰And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail, and she bore him Ahban, and Molid. ³¹And the sons of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim; but Seled died without children. ³²And the sons of Appaim; Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And the children of Sheshan; Ahlai. ³³And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai; Jether, and Jonathan: and Jether died without children. ³⁴And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

³⁵Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha. ³⁶And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bore him Attai. ³⁷And Attai begot Nathan, and Nathan begot Zabad, ³⁸And Zabad begot Ephlal, and Ephlal begot Obed. ³⁹And Obed

begot Jehu, and Jehu begot Azariah, ³⁹And Azariah begot Helez, and Helez begot Eleasah, ⁴⁰And Eleasah begot Sisamai, and Sisamai begot Shallum, ⁴¹And Shallum begot Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begot Elishama.

⁴²Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were, Meshah his first-born, who was the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron. ⁴³And the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema. ⁴⁴And Shema begot Raham, the father of Jorkoam: and Rekem begot Shammai. ⁴⁵And the son of Shammai was Maon: and Maon was the father of Beth-zur. ⁴⁶And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and Haran begot Gazez. ⁴⁷And the sons of Jahdai; Regem, and Jotham, and Gesham, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph. ⁴⁸Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber, and Tirhanah. ⁴⁹She bore also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibeab: and the daughter of Caleb was Achsa. ⁵⁰These were the sons of Caleb.

The son of Hur, the first-born of Ephratah, Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim, ⁵¹Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader. ⁵²And Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim had sons; Haroeh, and half of the Manahethites. ⁵³And the families of Kirjath-jearim; the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the

Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came the Zareathites, and the Eshtaulites.

⁵⁴The sons of Salma; Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth, the house of Joab, and half of the Manahethites, the Zorites. ⁵⁵And the families of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These are the Kenites that came of Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

3 Now these were the sons of David, that were born unto him in Hebron; the first-born Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess: ²The third, Absalom the son of Maachah the daughter of Talmi king of Geshur: the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith: ³The fifth, Shephatiah of Abital: the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife. ⁴These six were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years.

⁵And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel: ⁶Ibhar also, and Elishama, and Eliphelet, ⁷And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia. ⁸And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. ⁹These were all the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister.

¹⁰And Solomon's son was Re-

hoboam, Abia his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son, ¹¹Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son, ¹²Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son, ¹³Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son, ¹⁴Amon his son, Josiah his son. ¹⁵And the sons of Josiah were, the first-born Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum. ¹⁶And the sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.

¹⁷And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir, Shealtiel his son. ¹⁸Malchiram also, and Pedaiiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah. ¹⁹And the sons of Pedaiiah were, Zerubbabel, and Shimei: and the sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister: ²⁰And Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Ilasadiab, Jushabhezed, five. ²¹And the sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Jesaiab: the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah. ²²And the sons of Shechaniah; Shemaiah: and the sons of Shemaiah; Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neuriah, and Shaphat, six. ²³And the sons of Neuriah; Elieoenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three. ²⁴And the sons of Elieoenai were, Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Peluiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiab, and Anani, seven.

4 The sons of Judah; Perez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal. ²And Reaiah the

son of Shobal begot Jahath; and Jahath begot Ahumai, and Lahad. These are the families of the Zorathites.

³And these were of the father of Etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash: and the name of their sister was Hazelel-poni: ⁴And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These are the sons of Hur, the first-born of Ephratah, the father of Beth-lehem.

⁵And Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah. ⁶And Naarah bore him Ahuzam, and Hepher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah. ⁷And the sons of Helah were, Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan. ⁸And Coz begot Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum. ⁹And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bore him with sorrow. ¹⁰And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

¹¹And Chelub the brother of Shuah begot Mehir, who was the father of Eshton. ¹²And Eshton begot Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Irna-

hash. These *are* the men of Rehash.

¹³And the sons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah: and the sons of Othniel: Hathath. ¹⁴And Meonothai begot Ophrah: and Seraiah begot Joab, the father of the valley of Harashim; for they were craftsmen. ¹⁵And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah, even Kenaz.

¹⁶And the sons of Jehaleleel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel. ¹⁷And the sons of Ezra *were*, Jether, and Mered, and Ephraim, and Jalon: and she bore Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa. ¹⁸And his wife Jehudijah bore Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these *are* the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took.

¹⁹And the sons of *his* wife Hodiah the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite. ²⁰And the sons of Shimon *were*, Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi *were*, Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.

²¹The sons of Shelah the son of Judah *were*, Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ashbea, ²²And Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab,

and Jashubi-lehem. And *these are* ancient things. ²³These *were* the potters, and those that dwelt among plants and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

²⁴The sons of Simeon *were*, Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerach, and Shaul: ²⁵Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son. ²⁶And the sons of Mishma; Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, Shimei his son. ²⁷And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the children of Judah.

²⁸And they dwelt at Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual, ²⁹And at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad, ³⁰And at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag, ³¹And at Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susim, and at Beth-birei, and at Shaaraim. These *were* their cities unto the reign of David. ³²And their villages *were*, Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities: ³³And all their villages that *were* round about the same cities, unto Baal. These *were* their habitations, and their genealogy.

³⁴And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah, ³⁵And Joel, and Jehu the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel, ³⁶And Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah, ³⁷And Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the

son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah; ⁴⁸These mentioned by *their names were* princes in their families: and the house of their fathers increased greatly. ⁴⁹And they went to the entrance of Gedor, *even unto* the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. ⁵⁰And they found fat pasture and good, and the land *was* wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for *they* of Ilam had dwelt there of old. ⁵¹And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their stead: because *there was* pasture there for their flocks. ⁵²And *some* of them, *even* of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. ⁵³And they smote the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this day.

5 Now the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel, (for he *was* the first-born; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birth-right. ²For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him *came* the chief ruler; but the birth-right *was* Joseph's:) ³The sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel

were, Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. ⁴The sons of Joel; Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son, ⁵Micah his son, Reaia his son, Baal his son. ⁶Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away *captive*: he *was* prince of the Reubenites. ⁷And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned, *were* the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah. ⁸And Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, *even unto* Nebo and Baal-meon: ⁹And eastward he inhabited unto the entrance of the wilderness from the river Euphrates: because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead. ¹⁰And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the east *land* of Gilead.

¹¹And the children of Gadd dwelt over against them, in the land of Bashan unto Salcah: ¹²Joel the chief, and Shapham the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan. ¹³And their brethren of the house of their fathers *were*, Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven. ¹⁴These *are* the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz: ¹⁵Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of

their fathers. ¹⁶And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of Sharon, upon their borders. ¹⁷All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

¹⁸The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, *were* four and forty thousand seven hundred and threescore, that went out to the war. ¹⁹And they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur, and Nephish, and Nodab. ²⁰And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that *were* with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was entreated of them; because they put their trust in him. ²¹And they took away their cattle; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of men a hundred thousand. ²²For there fell down many slain, because the war *was* of God. And they dwelt in their stead until the captivity.

²³And the children of the half-tribe of Manasse dwelt in the land: they increased from Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir, and unto mount Hermon. ²⁴And these *were* the heads of the house of their fathers, even Ephraim, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and

Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valour, famous men, and heads of the house of their fathers.

²⁵And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went astray after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God destroyed before them. ²⁶And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan unto this day.

²⁷The sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. ²⁸And the sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. ²⁹And the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons also of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ³⁰Eleazar begot Phinehas, Phinehas begot Abishua, ³¹And Abishua begot Bukki, and Bukki begot Uzzi, ³²And Uzzi begot Zerachiah, and Zerachiah begot Meraiotl, ³³Meraiotl begot Amariah, and Amariah begot Ahitub, ³⁴And Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok begot Ahimaaz, ³⁵And Ahimaaz begot Azariah, and Azariah begot Johanan, ³⁶And Johanan begot Azariah, (he *it is* that executed the priest's office in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem:) ³⁷And Azariah begot Amariah, and Amariah begot

Ahitub, ¹⁸And Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok begot Shallum, ¹⁹And Shallum begot Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begot Azariah, ²⁰And Azariah begot Seraiah, and Seraiah begot Jehozadak, ²¹And Jehozadak went *into captivity*, when the Lord carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

6 The sons of Levi; Gershom, Kohath, and Merari. ²And these *are* the names of the sons of Gershom; Libni, and Shimei. ³And the sons of Kohath *were*, Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. ⁴The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. And these *are* the families of the Levites according to their fathers.

⁵Of Gershom; Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimnah his son, ⁶Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeaterai his son.

⁷The sons of Kohath; Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son, ⁸Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son, ⁹Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziash his son, and Shaul his son. ¹⁰And the sons of Elkanah; Amasai, and Ahimoth.

¹¹As for Elkanah: the sons of Elkanah, Zophai his son, and Nahath his son, ¹²Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son. ¹³And the sons of Samuel; the first-born Vashni, and Abiah.

¹⁴The sons of Merari; Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son, ¹⁵Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

¹⁶And these *are they* whom Da-

vid set over the service of song in the house of the Lord, after that the ark had rest. ¹⁷And they ministered before the dwelling-place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the Lord in Jerusalem: and *then* they fulfilled their service according to their order. ¹⁸And these *are* they that served with their children. Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Shemuel,

¹⁹The son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah, ²⁰The son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai, ²¹The son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah, ²²The son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, ²³The son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.

²⁴And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, *even* Asaph the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea, ²⁵The son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchiah, ²⁶The son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiash, ²⁷The son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei, ²⁸The son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi. ²⁹And their brethren the sons of Merari stood on the left hand: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch, ³⁰The son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah, ³¹The

son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer, ³²The son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi. ³³Their brethren also the Levites *were* appointed unto all manner of service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

³⁴But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of the burnt-offering, and on the altar of incense, *and were appointed* for all the work of the most holy place, and to make an atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded. ³⁵And these *are* the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son, ³⁶Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son, ³⁷Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son, ³⁸Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.

³⁹Now these *are* their dwelling-places throughout their encampments in their borders, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites: for theirs was the lot. ⁴⁰And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof round about it. ⁴¹But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh. ⁴²And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of Judah, *namely*, Hebron, *the city* of refuge, and Libnah with her suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa, with their suburbs, ⁴³And Hilen with her suburbs, Debir with her suburbs, ⁴⁴And Ashan with her

suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs: ⁴⁵And out of the tribe of Benjamin; Geba with her suburbs, and Alemeth with her suburbs, and Anathoth with her suburbs. All their cities throughout their families *were* thirteen cities.

⁴⁶And unto the sons of Kohath, *that were left* of the family of that tribe, *were cities given* out of the half-tribe, *namely*, out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, by lot, ten cities. ⁴⁷And to the sons of Gershon throughout their families out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. ⁴⁸Unto the sons of Merari *were given* by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

⁴⁹And the children of Israel gave to the Levites *these cities* with their suburbs. ⁵⁰And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities, which are called by *their names*.

⁵¹And *the residue* of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ephraim. ⁵²And they gave unto them, *of the cities* of refuge, Shechem in mount Ephraim with her suburbs; *they gave* also Gezer with her suburbs,

³³And Jokmeam with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs, ³⁴And Aijalon with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs: ³⁵And out of the half-tribe of Manasseh: Aner with her suburbs, and Bileam with her suburbs, for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kohath.

³⁶Unto the sons of Gershom *were given out of the family of the half-tribe of Manasseh*, Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, and Ashtaroth with her suburbs: ³⁷And out of the tribe of Issachar; Kedesh with her suburbs, Daberath with her suburbs, ³⁸And Ramoth with her suburbs, and Anem with her suburbs: ³⁹And out of the tribe of Asher; Mashal with her suburbs, and Abdon with her suburbs, ⁴⁰And Hukok with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs: ⁴¹And out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, and Hammon with her suburbs, and Kirjathaim with her suburbs.

⁴²Unto the rest of the children of Merari *were given out of the tribe of Zebulun*, Rimmon with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs: ⁴³And on the other side of the Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, *were given them out of the tribe of Reuben*, Bezer in the wilderness with her suburbs, and Jalizah with her suburbs, ⁴⁴Kedemoth also with her suburbs, and Mephath with her suburbs: ⁴⁵And out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth

in Gilead with her suburbs, and Mahanaim with her suburbs, ⁴⁶And Heshbon with her suburbs, and Jazer with her suburbs.

7 Now the sons of Issachar *were*, Tola, and Puah, Jashub, and Shimrom, four. ²And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house, *to wit*, of Tola: *they were valiant men of might in their generations*; whose number *was* in the days of David two and twenty thousand and six hundred. ³And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: and the sons of Izrahiah; Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five: all of them chief men. ⁴And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers, *were bands of soldiers for war*, six and thirty thousand *men*: for they had many wives and sons. ⁵And their brethren among all the families of Issachar *were valiant men of might*, reckoned in all their genealogies fourscore and seven thousand.

⁶*The sons of Benjamin*; Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three. ⁷And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the house of *their fathers*, mighty men of valour; and were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thousand and thirty and four. ⁸And the sons of Becher; Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Ana-

thoth, and Alameth. All these *are* the sons of Becher. ⁹And the number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *was* twenty thousand and two hundred. ¹⁰The sons also of Jediahel; Bilhan; and the sons of Bilhan; Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahishahar. ¹¹All these the sons of Jediahel, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *were* seventeen thousand and two hundred *soldiers*, fit to go out for war and battle. ¹²Shuppim also, and Huppim, the children of Ir, and Hushim, the sons of Aher.

¹³The sons of Naphtali; Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

¹⁴The sons of Manasseh; Ashriel, whom she bore: (*but* his concubine the Aramitess bore Machir the father of Gilead: ¹⁵And Machir took to wife *the* sister of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name *was* Maachah;) and the name of the second *was* Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters. ¹⁶And Maachah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother *was* Sheresh; and his sons *were* Ulam and Rakem. ¹⁷And the sons of Ulam; Bedan. These *were* the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. ¹⁸And his sister Hammoleketh bore Ishod, and Abiezer,

and Mahalah. ¹⁹And the sons of Shemidah were, Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

²⁰And the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eladah his son, and Tahath his son, ²¹And Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath *that were* born in *that* land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle. ²²And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. ²³And when he went in to his wife, she conceived, and bore a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house. ²⁴(And his daughter *was* Sherah, who built Beth-horon the nether, and the upper, and Uzzen-sherah.) ²⁵And Rephah *was* his son, also Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son, ²⁶Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son, ²⁷Non his son, Jehoshuah his son. ²⁸And their possessions and habitations *were*, Beth-el and the towns thereof, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the towns thereof; Shechem also and the towns thereof, unto Gaza and the towns thereof: ²⁹And by the borders of the children of Manasseh, Beth-shean and her towns, Taanach and her towns, Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

³⁰The sons of Asher; Imnah,

and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah the sister. ³¹And the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel, who is the father of Birzavith. ³²And Heber begot Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister. ³³And the sons of Japhlet; Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These are the children of Japhlet. ³⁴And the sons of Shamer; Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram. ³⁵And the sons of his brother Helem; Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal. ³⁶The sons of Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah, ³⁷Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera. ³⁸And the sons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara. ³⁹And the sons of Ulla; Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia. ⁴⁰All these were the children of Asher, heads of their father's house, choice and mighty men of valour, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war and to battle was twenty and six thousand men.

8 Now Benjamin begot Bela his first-born, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third, ²Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. ³And the sons of Bela were, Addar, and Gera, and Abihud, ⁴And Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah, ⁵And Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram. ⁶And these are the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of the families of the inhabitants of Geba,

and they removed them to Manahath: ⁷And Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he removed them, and begot Uzza, and Ahihud. ⁸And Shaaraim begot children in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away; Hushim and Baara were his wives. ⁹And he begot of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham, ¹⁰And Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. These were his sons, heads of the families. ¹¹And of Hushim he begot Abitub, and Elpaal.

¹²The sons of Elpaal; Eber, and Misham, and Shamer, who built Ono, and Lod, with the towns thereof: ¹³Beriah also, and Shema, who were heads of the families of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath: ¹⁴And Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth, ¹⁵And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader, ¹⁶And Michael, and Ispah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah; ¹⁷And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hezeki, and Heber, ¹⁸Ishmerai also, and Jezliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal; ¹⁹And Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi, ²⁰And Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel, ²¹And Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of Shimhi; ²²And Ishpan, and Heber, and Eliel, ²³And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan, ²⁴And Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah, ²⁵And Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak; ²⁶And Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah, ²⁷And Jaresiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, the sons

of Jeroham. ²⁸These *were* heads of the families, by their generations, chief *men*. These dwelt in Jerusalem.

²⁹And at Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon; whose wife's name *was* Maachah: ³⁰And his first-born son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab, ³¹And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zacher. ³²And Mikloth begot Shimeah. And these also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against them.

³³And Ner begot Kish, and Kish begot Saul, and Saul begot Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal. ³⁴And the son of Jonathan *was* Meribbaal; and Meribbaal begot Micah. ³⁵And the sons of Micah *were*, Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz. ³⁶And Ahaz begot Jehoadah; and Jehoadah begot Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begot Moza, ³⁷And Moza begot Binea; Rapha *was* his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son: ³⁸And Azel had six sons, whose names *are* these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hannan. All these *were* the sons of Azel. ³⁹And the sons of Eshek his brother *were*, Ulam his first-born, Jehush the second, and Eliphelet the third. ⁴⁰And the sons of Ulam *were* mighty men of valour, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, a hundred and fifty. All these *are* the sons of Benjamin.

9 So all Israel *were* reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they *were* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah, *who* *were* carried away to Babylon for their transgression. ²Now the first inhabitants that *dwelt* in their possessions in their cities *were*, the Israelites, the priests, Levites, and the Netlinim. ³And in Jerusalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh; ⁴Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Perez the son of Judah. ⁵And of the Shilonites; Asaiah the first-born, and his sons. ⁶And of the sons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety. ⁷And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah, ⁸And Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah; ⁹And their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men *were* heads of families in the houses of their fathers.

¹⁰And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin, ¹¹And Azariah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God; ¹²And Adaiah the son of

Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Maichijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer; ¹³And their brethren, heads of the houses of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

¹⁴And of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Haashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari; ¹⁵And Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph; ¹⁶And Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites.

¹⁷And the gate-keepers were, Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren: Shallum was the chief; ¹⁸Who hitherto waited in the king's gate eastward: they were gate-keepers in the companies of the children of Levi. ¹⁹And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle: and their fathers, being over the host of the Lord, were keepers of the entry. ²⁰And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past, and the Lord

was with him. ²¹And Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was gate-keeper at the entrance of the tabernacle of the congregation.

²²All these that were chosen to be gate-keepers at the thresholds were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their set office. ²³So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of the Lord, namely, the house of the tabernacle, by wards.

²⁴In four quarters were the gate-keepers, toward the east, west, north, and south. ²⁵And their brethren, that were in their villages, were to come after seven days from time to time with them. ²⁶For these Levites, the four chief gate-keepers, were in their set office, and were over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God. ²⁷And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge was upon them, and the opening thereof every morning pertained to them.

²⁸And certain of them had the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and out by tale. ²⁹Some of them also were appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. ³⁰And some of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices. ³¹And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the

first-born of Shallum the Korahite, had the set office over the things that were made in the pans. ³²And *other* of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, *were* over the shewbread, to prepare it every sabbath.

³³And these *are* the singers, heads of the families of the Levites, *who remaining* in the chambers *were* free: for they were employed in *that* work day and night. ³⁴These heads of families of the Levites *were* chiefs throughout their generations; these dwelt at Jerusalem.

³⁵And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whose wife's name *was* Maachah: ³⁶And his first-born son Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab, ³⁷And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. ³⁸And Mikloth begot Shimeam. And they also dwelt with their brethren at Jerusalem, over against their brethren.

³⁹And Ner begot Kish; and Kish begot Saul; and Saul begot Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal. ⁴⁰And the son of Jonathan *was* Meribbaal: and Merib-baal begot Micah. ⁴¹And the sons of Micah *were*, Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea. ⁴²And Ahaz begot Jarah; and Jarah begot Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begot Moza; ⁴³And Moza begot Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. ⁴⁴And Azel had six sons, whose names *are* these, Azrikam, Bo-

cheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these *were* the sons of Azel.

10 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. ²And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul. ³And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him, and he was wounded of the archers. ⁴Then said Saul to his armour-bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his armour-bearer would not; for he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. ⁵And when his armour-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died. ⁶So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together.

⁷And when all the men of Israel that *were* in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

⁸And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa. ⁹And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines

round about, to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people. ¹⁰And they put his armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

¹¹And when all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul, ¹²They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

¹³So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the Lord, *even* against the word of the Lord, which he kept not, and also for asking *counsel* of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it; ¹⁴And inquired not of the Lord: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

11 Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh. ²And moreover in time past, even when Saul was king, thou *wast* he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the Lord thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel.

³Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the Lord; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the Lord by Samuel.

⁴And David and all Israel went

to Jerusalem, which *is* Jebus; where the Jebusites *were*, the inhabitants of the land. ⁵And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion, which *is* the city of David. ⁶And David said Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up, and was chief. ⁷And David dwelt in the castle; therefore they called it the city of David. ⁸And he built the city round about, even from Millo round about: and Joab repaired the rest of the city. ⁹So David waxed greater and greater: for the Lord of hosts *was* with him.

¹⁰These also *are* the chiefs of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, *and* with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the Lord concerning Israel. ¹¹And this *is* the number of the mighty men whom David had; Jashobeam, a Hachmonite, the chief of the captains: he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain *by* him at one time. ¹²And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who *was* one of the three mighty men. ¹³He *was* with David at Pas-dammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where *was* a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. ¹⁴And they set themselves in the midst of *that*

parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and the Lord saved *them* by a great deliverance.

¹⁵Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines encamped in the valley of Rephaim. ¹⁶And David *was* then in the stronghold, and the Philistines' garrison *was* then at Beth-lehem. ¹⁷And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me a drink of water of the well of Beth-lehem, that *is* at the gate! ¹⁸And the three broke through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that *was* by the gate, and took *it*, and brought *it* to David: but David would not drink of it, but poured out to the Lord, ¹⁹And said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with *the jeopardy* of their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it.

These things did these three mighty men.

²⁰And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew *them*, and had a name among the three. ²¹Of the three, he was more honourable than the two; for he was their captain: howbeit he attained not to the *first* three.

²²Benaiah the son of Jehoiada,

the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done many acts; he slew two lionlike men of Moab: also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day. ²³And he slew an Egyptian, a man of *great* stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand *was* a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

²⁴These *things* did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among the three mighty men. ²⁵Behold, he was honourable among the thirty, but attained not to the *first* three: and David set him over his guard.

²⁶Also the valiant men of the armies *were*, Asabel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem, ²⁷Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite, ²⁸Ira the son of Ikkeish the Tekoite, Abiezer the Antothite, ²⁹Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, ³⁰Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, ³¹Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, that *pertained* to the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, ³²Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite, ³³Azmaveth the Barharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite, ³⁴The sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite, ³⁵Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the son of Ur, ³⁶Hepher the Mcherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

¹⁷Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai, ¹⁸Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Haggeri, ¹⁹Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armour-bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah, ²⁰Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, ²¹Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai, ²²Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him, ²³Hanan the son of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite, ²⁴Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel the sons of Hothan the Aroerite, ²⁵Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, ²⁶Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moahite, ²⁷Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mezo-baite.

12 Now these *are* they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they *were* among the mighty men, helpers of the war. ²*They were* armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in *hurling* stones and *shooting* arrows out of a bow, *even* of Saul's brethren of Benjamin. ³The chief *was* Ahiezer, then Joshabab, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Anthothite, ⁴And Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan,

and Josabab the Gederathite, ⁵Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite, ⁶Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Jozzer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites, ⁷And Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

⁸And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the stronghold in the wilderness men of might, *and* men of war *fit* for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces *were like* the faces of lions, and *were* as swift as the roes upon the mountains; ⁹Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, ¹⁰Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, ¹¹Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, ¹²Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, ¹³Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh, ¹⁴These *were* of the sons of Gad, captains of the host: one of the least *was* over a hundred, and the greatest over a thousand. ¹⁵These *are* they that went over the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all *them* of the valleys, *both* toward the east, and toward the west.

¹⁶And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the stronghold unto David. ¹⁷And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if *ye be come* to betray me to mine enemies,

seeing *there is* no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look *thereon*, and rebuke *it*.¹⁸Then the spirit came upon Amasai, *who was* chief of the captains, *and he said*, Thine *are we*, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace *be* unto thee, and peace *be* to thine helpers: for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

¹⁹And there fell *some* of Manasseh to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul to the *jeopardy* of our heads. ²⁰As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jedaiel, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thousands that *were* of Manasseh. ²¹And they helped David against the band of the *rovers*: for they *were* all mighty men of valour, and were captains in the host. ²²For at *that* time day by day there came to David to help him, until *it was* a great host, like the host of God.

²³And these *are* the numbers of the bands that *were* ready armed to the war, *and came* to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the Lord. ²⁴The children of Judah that bore shield and spear *were* six thousand and eight hundred, ready

armed to the war. ²⁵Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred. ²⁶Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred. ²⁷And Jehoiada *was* the leader of the Aaronites, and with him *were* three thousand and seven hundred; ²⁸And Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty and two captains. ²⁹And of the children of Benjamin, the kindred of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul. ³⁰And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, famous throughout the houses of their fathers. ³¹And of the half-tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were expressed by name, to come and make David king. ³²And of the children of Issachar, *who were men* that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them *were* two hundred; and all their brethren *were* at their commandment. ³³Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, who could put themselves in array with an undivided heart. ³⁴And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand. ³⁵And of the Danites expert in war twenty and eight thousand and six hundred. ³⁶And of Asher, such as went

forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand. ³⁷And on the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, a hundred and twenty thousand.

³⁸All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. ³⁹And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them. ⁴⁰Moreover they that were nigh them, even unto Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, food made of meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for there was joy in Israel.

13 And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader. ²And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If it seem good unto you, and that it be of the Lord our God, let us send abroad unto our brethren everywhere, that are left in all the land of Israel, and with them also to the priests and Levites that are in their cities and suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us: ³And let us bring back the ark of our God to us: for we inquired not at it in the

days of Saul. ⁴And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. ⁵So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entrance of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim.

⁶And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, that is, to Kirjath-jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the Lord, that dwelleth between the cherubim, whose name is called on it. ⁷And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. ⁸And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

⁹And when they came unto the threshing-floor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. ¹⁰And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.

¹¹And David was displeased, because the Lord had broken forth upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called Perez-uzza to this day. ¹²And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me?

¹³So David brought not the ark

home to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ¹⁴And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months. And the Lord blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

14 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him a house. ²And David perceived that the Lord had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.

³And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begot more sons and daughters. ⁴Now these are the names of his children that he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, ⁵And Ibhaz, and Elishua, and Elpelet, ⁶And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, ⁷And Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

⁸And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went out against them. ⁹And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. ¹⁰And David inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the Lord said unto him, Go up, for I will deliver them into thine hand.

¹¹So they came up to Baal-

perazim; and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken forth upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place Baal-perazim.

¹²And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire. ¹³And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley. ¹⁴Therefore David inquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry-trees. ¹⁵And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry-trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.

¹⁶David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gezer. ¹⁷And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the Lord brought the fear of him upon all nations.

15 And David made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent. ²Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites, for them hath the Lord chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever. ³And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the Lord

unto its place, which he had prepared for it. ⁴And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites: ⁵Of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty: ⁶Of the sons of Merari; Amariah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty: ⁷Of the sons of Gershon; Joel the chief, and his brethren a hundred and thirty: ⁸Of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred: ⁹Of the sons of Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourscore: ¹⁰Of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren a hundred and twelve.

¹¹And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, ¹²And said unto them, Ye are the heads of the families of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the Lord God of Israel unto the place that I have prepared for it. ¹³For because ye did it not at the first, the Lord our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.

¹⁴So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the Lord God of Israel. ¹⁵And the children of the Levites bore the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the Lord.

¹⁶And David spoke to the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

¹⁷So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; ¹⁸And with them their brethren of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphlehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers. ¹⁹So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed to sound with cymbals of brass; ²⁰And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries on Alamoth; ²¹And Mattithiah, and Eliphlehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps on the Sheminith to excel. ²²And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was for song: he instructed about the song, because he was skilful. ²³And Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark. ²⁴And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark.

²⁵So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the house of Obed-edom with joy. ²⁶And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams. ²⁷And David *was* clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bore the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: David also *had* upon him an ephod of linen. ²⁸Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps. ²⁹And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of the Lord came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.

16 So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt-sacrifices and peace-offerings before God. ²And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offerings and the peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord. ³And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of

wine. ⁴And he appointed *certain* of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, and to record, and to thank and praise the Lord God of Israel: ⁵Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliub, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom: and Jeiel with psalteries and with harps; but Asaph made a sound with cymbals; ⁶Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God. ⁷Then on that day David delivered first *this psalm* to thank the Lord into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

⁸Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

⁹Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works.

¹⁰Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

¹¹Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually.

¹²Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

¹³O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

¹⁴He *is* the Lord our God; his judgments *are* in all the earth.

¹⁵Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word *which* he com-

manded to a thousand generations;

¹⁴*Even of the covenant which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac;*

¹⁵*And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant,*

¹⁶*Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;*

¹⁷*When ye were but a few, even a few, and strangers in it,*

¹⁸*And when they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people;*

¹⁹*He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproveth kings for their sake,*

²⁰*Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.*

²¹*Sing unto the Lord, all the earth; announce from day to day his salvation.*

²²*Declare his glory among the nations; his marvellous works among all peoples.*

²³*For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods.*

²⁴*For all the gods of the peoples are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.*

²⁵*Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place.*

²⁶*Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the peoples, give unto the Lord glory and strength.*

²⁷*Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an of-*

fering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

²⁸*Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.*

²⁹*Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The Lord reigneth.*

³⁰*Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.*

³¹*Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord, because he cometh to judge the earth.*

³²*O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.*

³³*And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise.*

³⁴*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever.*

And all the people said, Amen, and praised the Lord.

³⁵*So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the Lord Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required:*

³⁶*And Obed-edom with their brethren, threescore and eight; Obed-edom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be gatekeepers: ³⁷And Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the Lord*

in the high place that *was* at Gibeon, ⁴⁰To offer burnt-offerings unto the Lord upon the altar of the burnt-offering continually morning and evening, and *to do* according to all that is written in the law of the Lord, which he commanded Israel; ⁴¹And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the Lord, because his mercy *endureth* for ever; ⁴²And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun *were* gate-keepers. ⁴³And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

17 Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in a house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord *remaineth* under *curtains*. ²Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that *is* in thine heart; for God *is* with thee.

³And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying, ⁴Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the Lord, Thou shalt not build me a house to dwell in: ⁵For I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from *one* tabernacle *to another*. ⁶Whersoever I have walked with all Israel,

spoke I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me a house of cedars? ⁷Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, *even* from following the sheep, that thou shouldst be ruler over my people Israel: ⁸And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that *are* in the earth. ⁹Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning. ¹⁰And since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee that the Lord will build thee a house. ¹¹And it shall come to pass, when thy days are expired that thou must go *to be* with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. ¹²He shall build me a house, and I will establish his throne for ever. ¹³I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from *him* that was before thee: ¹⁴But I will settle him in

mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.

¹⁵According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

¹⁶And David the king came and sat before the Lord, and said, Who *am* I, O Lord God, and what *is* mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? ¹⁷And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast *also* spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O Lord God. ¹⁸What can David *speak* more to thee of the honour of thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant. ¹⁹O Lord, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all this greatness, in making known all *these* great things. ²⁰O Lord, *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. ²¹And what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem *to be* his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt? ²²For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, Lord, becamest their God. ²³Therefore now, Lord, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and concern-

ing his house be established for ever, and do as thou hast said.

²⁴Let thy name be established and magnified for ever, saying, The Lord of hosts *is* the God of Israel, *even* a God to Israel: and let the house of David thy servant *be* established before thee. ²⁵For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him a house: therefore thy servant hath found in *his heart* to pray before thee. ²⁶And now, Lord, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: ²⁷Now it hath pleased thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou blessest, O Lord, and it *shall be* blessed for ever.

18 Now after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

²And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

³And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Euphrates. ⁴And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: David also houghed all the chariot *horses*, but reserved of them a hundred chariots.

⁵And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew of the

Syrians two and twenty thousand men. ⁶Then David put *garrisons* in Syria-darmesek; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought gifts.

Thus the Lord preserved David whithersoever he went.

⁷And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. ⁸Likewise from Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much brass, wherewith Solomon made the brazen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.

⁹Now when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah; ¹⁰He sent Hadoram his son to king David, to inquire of his welfare, and to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him; (for Hadarezer had war with Tou;) and *with him* all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass. ¹¹Them also king David dedicated unto the Lord, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all *these* nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

¹²Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the Valley of Salt eighteen thousand. ¹³And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants.

Thus the Lord preserved David whithersoever he went. ¹⁴So Da-

vid reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people.

¹⁵And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, recorder.

¹⁶And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, *were* the priests; and Shavsha was scribe; ¹⁷And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelathites; and the sons of David *were* chief about the king.

19 Now it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead. ²And David said, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me.

And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. ³But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? ⁴Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away.

⁵Then there went *certain men*, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet

them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

⁶And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Syria-maachah, and out of Zobah. ⁷So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle.

⁸And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men.

⁹And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array before the gates of the city: and the kings that were come were by themselves in the field. ¹⁰Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the choice of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians. ¹¹And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of Abishai his brother, and they set themselves in array against the children of Ammon. ¹²And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will

help thee. ¹³Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the Lord do *that which is good* in his sight.

¹⁴So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before him. ¹⁵And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

¹⁶And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that were beyond the River: and Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before them.

¹⁷And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over the Jordan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him. ¹⁸But the Syrians fled before Israel, and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand men that fought in chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host.

¹⁹And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with David, and became his servants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

20 And it came to pass, at the time of the return of the year, at the time that kings go out to battle, Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it.

²And David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and *there were* precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city. ³And he brought out the people that *were* in it, and cut *them* with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

⁴And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Sippai, *who was* of the children of the giant: and they were subdued.

⁵And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff *was* like a weaver's beam.

⁶And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, whose fingers and toes *were* four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each

foot: and he also was born to the giant. ⁷But when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him. ⁸These were horn unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

21 And an adversary stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. ²And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know *it*. ³And Joab answered, The Lord make his people a hundred times so many more as they *are*: but, my lord the king, *are* they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?

⁴But the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. ⁵And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all *they* of Israel were a thousand thousand and a hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah *was* four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword. ⁶But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word *was* abominable to Joab.

⁷And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel. ⁸And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I

have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

⁹And the Lord spoke unto Gad, David's seer, saying, ¹⁰Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the Lord, I offer thee three things: choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.

¹¹So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Choose thee. ¹²Either three year's famine; or three months to perish before thy foes, while the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the Lord, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the Lord destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. Now therefore consider what word I shall bring back to him that sent me.

¹³And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the Lord; for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.

¹⁴So the Lord sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

¹⁵And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the Lord beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the Lord stood by the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. ¹⁶And

David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the Lord stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. ¹⁷And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O Lord my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

¹⁸Then the angel of the Lord commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the Lord in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

¹⁹And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spoke in the name of the Lord. ²⁰And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. ²¹And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing-floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. ²²Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of this threshing-floor, that I may build an altar therein unto the Lord: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people. ²³And Ornan said unto David,

Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do *that which is good* in his eyes: lo, I give *thee* the oxen *also* for burnt-offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal-offering; I give it all. ²⁴And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take *that which is thine* for the Lord, nor offer burnt-offerings without cost.

²⁵So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight. ²⁶And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, and called upon the Lord; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt-offering.

²⁷And the Lord commanded the angel, and he put up his sword back into the sheath thereof.

²⁸At that time when David saw that the Lord had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. ²⁹For the tabernacle of the Lord, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt-offering, *were* at that season in the high place at Gibeon. ³⁰But David could not go before it to inquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the Lord.

22 Then David said, This is the house of the Lord God, and this is the altar of the burnt-offering for Israel.

¹And David commanded to gather together the strangers that

were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God.

²And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in abundance without weight; ⁴Also cedar-trees in abundance: for the Sidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar-wood to David. ⁵And David said, Solomon my son *is* young and tender, and the house *that is* to be builded for the Lord *must be* exceedingly magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will *therefore* now make preparation for it.

So David prepared abundantly before his death.

⁶Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build a house for the Lord God of Israel. ⁷And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house unto the name of the Lord my God: ⁸But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build a house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. ⁹Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days. ¹⁰He shall build a house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I *will be* his fa-

ther; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever. ¹¹Now, my son, the Lord be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the Lord thy God, as he hath said of thee. ¹²Only the Lord give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the Lord thy God. ¹³Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfill the statutes and judgments which the Lord charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed. ¹⁴Now behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the Lord a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto. ¹⁵Moreover *there are* workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work. ¹⁶Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, *there is* no number. Arise *therefore*, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee.

¹⁷David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying*, ¹⁸*Is not the Lord your God with you? and hath he not given you rest on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the*

Lord, and before his people. ¹⁹Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the Lord God, to bring back the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the Lord.

23 So when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel. ²And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. ³Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand. ⁴Of these, twenty and four thousand *were* to oversee the work of the house of the Lord; and six thousand *were* officers and judges: ⁵Moreover four thousand *were* gate-keepers; and four thousand praised the Lord with the instruments which I made, *said David*, to praise *therewith*. ⁶And David arranged them into divisions among the sons of Levi, *namely*, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

⁷Of the Gershonites *were*, Laadan, and Shimei. ⁸The sons of Laadan; the chief *was* Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three. ⁹The sons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziël, and Haran, three. These *were* the heads of the families of Laadan. ¹⁰And the sons of Shimei *were*, Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four

were the sons of Shimei. ¹¹And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second; but Jeush and Be-riah had not many sons; therefore they were in one reckoning, according to *their father's house*.

¹²The sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.

¹³The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the Lord, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever.

¹⁴Now concerning Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe of Levi. ¹⁵The sons of Moses were, Gershom, and Eliezer. ¹⁶Of the sons of Gershom, Shebuel was the chief. ¹⁷And the sons of Eliezer were, Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very many. ¹⁸Of the sons of Izhar; Shelomith the chief. ¹⁹Of the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. ²⁰Of the sons of Uzziel; Micah the first, and Jesiah the second.

²¹The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. The sons of Mahli; Eleazar, and Kish. ²²And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters: and their brethren the sons of Kish took them. ²³The sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

²⁴These were the sons of Levi after the houses of their fathers;

even the heads of families, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the Lord, from the age of twenty years and upward. ²⁵For David said, The Lord God of Israel hath given rest unto his people, that they may dwell in Jerusalem for ever: ²⁶And also unto the Levites; they shall no more carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service thereof. ²⁷For by the last words of David the Levites were numbered from twenty years old and above: ²⁸Because their station was to be at the side of the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the Lord, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God; ²⁹Both for the shewbread, and for the fine flour for meal-offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for *that which is baked in the pan*, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of measure and size; ³⁰And to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and likewise at even; ³¹And to offer all burnt-sacrifices unto the Lord in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the Lord: ³²And that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their

brethren, in the service of the house of the Lord.

24 Now *these* are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ^aBut Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office. ^bAnd David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service. ^cAnd there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and *thus* were they divided. Among the sons of Eleazar *there were* sixteen chief men of the houses of *their* fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the houses of their fathers. ^dThus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors of the house of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar. ^eAnd Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, *one* of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and *before* the heads of families of the priests and Levites: one principal household being taken for Eleazar, and *one* taken for Ithamar.

^fNow the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiiah. ^gThe third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, ^hThe fifth to

Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, ⁱThe seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, ^jThe ninth to Jeshuah, the tenth to Shecaniah, ^kThe eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, ^lThe thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab, ^mThe fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, ⁿThe seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphses, ^oThe nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel, ^pThe one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul, ^qThe three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah. ^rThese *were* the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the Lord, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the Lord God of Israel had commanded him.

^sAnd the rest of the sons of Levi *were these*: Of the sons of Amram; Shubael: of the sons of Shubael; Jehdeiah. ^tConcerning Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the first *was* Isshiah. ^uOf the Izharites; Shelomoth: of the sons of Shelomoth; Jahath. ^vAnd the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth. ^wOf the sons of Uzziel; Michah: of the sons of Michah; Shamir. ^xThe brother of Michah *was* Isshiah: of the sons of Isshiah; Zechariah. ^yThe sons of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi: the sons of Jaaziah; Beno. ^zThe sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham. and Zaccur. and

Ibri. ²⁸Of Mahli came Eleazar, who had no sons. ²⁹Concerning Kish: the son of Kish was Jerahmeel. ³⁰The sons also of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth.

These *were* the sons of the Levites after the houses of their fathers. ³¹These likewise cast lots over against their brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the heads of families of the priests and Levites, the families of the chief *even as those of* their younger brother.

25 Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who played with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was: ²Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Ashareliah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, who prophesied according to the order of the king. ³Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the Lord. ⁴Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekasha, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth: ⁵All these *were* the sons of Heman the king's seer in the

words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. ⁶All these *were* under the hands of their father for song in the house of the Lord, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman. ⁷So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the Lord, *even* all that were cunning, was two hundred fourscore and eight. ⁸And they cast lots, ward against ward, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar.

⁹Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sons *were* twelve: ¹⁰The third to Zaccur, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ¹¹The fourth to Izri, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ¹²The fifth to Nethaniah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ¹³The sixth to Bukkiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ¹⁴The seventh to Jeshaareliah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ¹⁵The eighth to Jeshaiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ¹⁶The ninth to Mattaniah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ¹⁷The tenth to Shimei, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ¹⁸The eleventh to Azareel, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ¹⁹The twelfth to Hashabiah, *he*, his sons, and

his brethren, *were* twelve: ²⁰The thirteenth to Shubael, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ²¹The fourteenth to Mattithiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ²²The fifteenth to Jeremoth, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ²³The sixteenth to Hananiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ²⁴The seventeenth to Joshbekashah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ²⁵The eighteenth to Hanani, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ²⁶The nineteenth to Mallothi, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ²⁷The twentieth to Eliathah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ²⁸The one and twentieth to Hothir, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ²⁹The two and twentieth to Gidalti, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ³⁰The three and twentieth to Mahazioth, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: ³¹The four and twentieth to Romamti-ezer, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve.

26 Concerning the divisions of the gate-keepers: Of the Korhites *was* Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph. ²And the sons of Meshelemiah *were*, Zechariah the first-born, Jedaiel the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, ³Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elieoenai the seventh. ⁴Moreover the sons of Obed-edom *were*, Shemaiah the first-born, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third,

and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth, ⁵Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth: for God blessed him. ⁶Also unto Shemaiah his son *were* sons born, that ruled over the house of their father: for they *were* mighty men of valour. ⁷The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren *were* strong men, Elihu, and Semachiah. ⁸All these of the sons of Obed-edom: they and their sons and their brethren, able men for strength for the service, *were* threescore and two of Obed-edom. ⁹And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, strong men, eighteen. ¹⁰Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons; Simri the chief, (for *though* he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him the chief;) ¹¹Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hosah *were* thirteen.

¹²Among these *were* the divisions of the gate-keepers, *even* among the chief men, *having* wards one against another, to minister in the house of the Lord. ¹³And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to the houses of their fathers, for every gate. ¹⁴And the lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward. ¹⁵To Obed-edom southward; and to his sons the storehouse. ¹⁶To Shupim and Hosah *the lot came forth*

westward, with the gate Shal-lecheth, by the causeway that go-eth up, ward against ward. ¹⁷Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and for the storehouse two and two. ¹⁸At the collonade westward, four at the causeway, and two at the collonade. ¹⁹These are the divisions of the gate-keepers among the sons of Kore, and among the sons of Merari.

²⁰And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the dedicated things.

²¹As concerning the sons of Laadan; the sons of Gershonite Laadan, and heads of families, of Laadan the Gershonite, Jehieli,

²²The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, were over the treasures of the house of the Lord. ²³Of the Amramites, and the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites: ²⁴Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler of the treasures. ²⁵And his brethren by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son. ²⁶This Shelomith and his brethren were

over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the heads of families, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated. ²⁷Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the house of the Lord. ²⁸And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son

of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated; and whosoever had dedicated *any thing*, it was under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.

²⁹Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. ³⁰And of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, were officers among them of Israel on this side of the Jordan westward in all the business of the Lord, and in the service of the king. ³¹Among the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even among the Hebronites, according to their generations by families. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour at Jazer of Gilead. ³²And his brethren, men of valour, were two thousand and seven hundred heads of families, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and affairs of the King.

27 Now the children of Israel after their number, *to wit*, the heads of families and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the divisions, which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every division were twenty and four

thousand. ²Over the first division for the first month *was* Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ³Of the children of Perez *was* the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month. ⁴And over the division of the second month *was* Dodai an Ahohite, and of his division *was* Mikloth also the ruler: in his division likewise *were* twenty and four thousand. ⁵The third captain of the host for the third month *was* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a chief priest: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ⁶This *is that* Benaiah, *who was* mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his division *was* Ammizabad his son. ⁷The fourth captain for the fourth month *was* Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ⁸The fifth captain for the fifth month *was* Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ⁹The sixth captain for the sixth month *was* Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ¹⁰The seventh captain for the seventh month *was* Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ¹¹The eighth captain for the eighth month *was* Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarahites: and in his division *were* twenty and four

thousand. ¹²The ninth captain for the ninth month *was* Abiezer the Anetothite, of the Benjamites: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ¹³The tenth captain for the tenth month *was* Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarahites: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ¹⁴The eleventh captain for the eleventh month *was* Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ¹⁵The twelfth captain for the twelfth month *was* Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand.

¹⁶Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: the ruler of the Reubenites *was* Eliezer the son of Zichri: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah: ¹⁷Of the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of the Aaronites, Zadok: ¹⁸Of Judah, Elihu, *one of* the brethren of David: of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael: ¹⁹Of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel: ²⁰Of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah: of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiiah: ²¹Of the half-tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner: ²²Of Dan, Azareel the son of Jeroham. These *were* the princes of the tribes of Israel. ²³But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: be-

cause the Lord had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens. ²⁴Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel; neither was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David.

²⁵And over the king's treasures *was* Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the towers, *was* Jehonathan the son of Uziah: ²⁶And over them that did the work of the field for the tillage of the ground *was* Ezri the son of Chelub: ²⁷And over the vineyards *was* Shimei the Ramathite: over what was in the vineyards for the wine-cellars *was* Zabdi the Shiphmite: ²⁸And over the olive-trees and the sycamore-trees that *were* in the low plains *was* Baal-hanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oil *was* Joash: ²⁹And over the herds that fed in Sharon *was* Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that *were* in the valleys *was* Shaphat the son of Adlai: ³⁰Over the camels also *was* Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses *was* Jehdeiah the Meronothite: ³¹And over the flocks *was* Jaziz the Hagerite. All these *were* the rulers of the substance which *was* king David's.

³²Also Jonathan David's uncle *was* a counsellor, a wise man, and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni *was* with the king's sons: ³³And Ahithophel *was* the

king's counsellor: and Hushai the Archite *was* the king's companion: ³⁴And after Ahithophel *was* Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the general of the king's army *was* Joab.

28 And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by division, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem. ²Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: *As for me*, I *had* in mine heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building: ³But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build a house for my name, because thou *hast been* a man of war, and hast shed blood. ⁴Howbeit the Lord God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make *me* king over all Israel: ⁵And of all my sons, (for the Lord hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the

throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel. ⁹And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. ¹⁰Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day. ¹¹Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the Lord, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the Lord your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

¹²And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. ¹³Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build a house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

¹⁴Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat, ¹⁵And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts

of the house of the Lord, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things: ¹⁶Also for the divisions of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the Lord, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the Lord.

¹⁷He gave of gold by weight for things of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service; silver also for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service: ¹⁸Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps thereof: and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, both for the candlestick, and also for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick.

¹⁹And gold by weight for the tables of shewbread, for every table; and silver for the tables of silver: ²⁰Also for the flesh-hooks, and the sprinkling vessels, and the bowls pure gold; and for the golden cups he gave gold by weight for every cup: and likewise silver by weight for every cup of silver. ²¹And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubim, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the Lord. ²²All this, said David, the Lord made me understand in writing by his hand upon me,

even all the works of this pattern.

²⁰And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord God, *even my God, will be with thee*; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord. ²¹And, behold, the division of the priests and the Levites, *even they shall be with thee* for all the service of the house of God: and *there shall be with thee* for all manner of workmanship every willing skilful man, for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people *will be* wholly at thy commandment.

29 Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, *is yet young and tender, and the work is great*: for the palace is not for man, but for the Lord God. ²Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for *things to be made* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and the brass for *things* of brass, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood; onyx stones, and *stones to be set*, glistering stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. ³Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, *which* I have given to the

house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, *'Even* three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses *withal*: ⁵The gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of artificers. And who *then* is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?

⁶Then the heads of families and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, ⁷And gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. ⁸And they with whom *precious* stones were found gave *them* to the treasure of the house of the Lord, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. ⁹Then the people rejoiced, for they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

¹⁰Wherefore David blessed the Lord before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. ¹¹Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the

victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine *is* the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. ¹²Both riches and honour *come* of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand *is* power and might; and in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give strength unto all. ¹³Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. ¹⁴But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things *come* of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. ¹⁵For we *are* strangers before thee, and sojourners, as *were* all our fathers: our days on the earth *are* as a shadow, and *there is* no abiding. ¹⁶O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee a house for thine holy name *cometh* of thine hand, and *is* all thine own. ¹⁷I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, who are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. ¹⁸O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee: ¹⁹And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy

testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all *these things*, and to build the palace, *for* the which I have made provision.

²⁰And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the Lord your God. And all the congregation blessed the Lord God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the Lord, and the king. ²¹And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the Lord, and offered burnt-offerings unto the Lord, on the morrow after that day, *even* a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, *and* a thousand lambs, with their drink-offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel: ²²And did eat and drink before the Lord on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed *him* unto the Lord *to be* the chief governor, and Zadok *to be* priest.

²³Then Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. ²⁴And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves unto Solomon the king. ²⁵And the Lord magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him *such* royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

²⁶Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. ²⁷And

the time that he reigned over Israel *was* forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three *years* reigned he in Jerusalem. ²⁸And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.

²⁹Now the acts of David the

king, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, ³⁰With all his reign and his might, and the events that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

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SECOND CHRONICLES

1 And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the Lord his God *was* with him, and magnified him exceedingly. 2 Then Solomon spoke unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the heads of families. 3 So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that *was* at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the Lord had made in the wilderness. 4 But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjath-jearim to the place which David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. 5 Moreover the brazen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the Lord: and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it. 6 And Solomon went up thither to the brazen altar before the Lord, which *was* at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt-offerings upon it.

7 In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee. 8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast

shewn great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead. 9 Now, O Lord God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. 10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, *that is so great?*

11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: 12 Wisdom and knowledge *are* granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that *have been* before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

13 Then Solomon came *from his journey* to the high place that *was* at Gibeon, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, unto Jerusalem, and reigned over Israel.

14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had

a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

¹⁵And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem *as plenteous as stones*, and cedar-trees made he as the sycamore-trees that are in the vale for abundance.

¹⁶And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and the king's merchants bought *them* in troops at a *certain* price. ¹⁷And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty: and so brought they out *horses* for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means.

¹⁸And Solomon determined to build a house for the name of the Lord, and a house for his kingdom.

2 And Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.

²And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him a house to dwell therein, *even so deal with me*. ³Behold, I build a house to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate it to him, *and to burn before him* sweet incense, and for the

continual shewbread, and for the burnt-offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the Lord our God. This *is an ordinance* for ever to Israel.

⁴And the house which I build *is* great: for great is our God above all gods. ⁵But who is able to build him a house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who *am* I then, that I should build him a house, save only to burn sacrifice before him? ⁶Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that is skilful to grave with the cunning men that *are* with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide. ⁷Send me also cedar-trees, fir-trees, and algum-trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants are skilful to cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my servants *shall be* with thy servants, ⁸Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build *shall be* wonderful great. ⁹And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

¹⁰Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the Lord hath loved his people, he

hath made thee king over them. ¹¹Huram said moreover, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build a house for the Lord, and a house for his kingdom. ¹²And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Huram my father's, ¹³The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father. ¹⁴Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants: ¹⁵And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need: and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem.

¹⁶And Solomon numbered all the strangers that were in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them; and they were found a hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred. ¹⁷And he set threescore and ten thousand of them to be bearers of burdens, and

fourscore thousand to be hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people to work.

3 Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. ²And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

³Now these are the things wherein Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. ⁴And the porch that was in the front of the house, the length of it was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was a hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold. ⁵And the greater house he ceiled with fir-tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm-trees and chains. ⁶And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Parvaim. ⁷He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubim on the walls.

⁸And he made the most holy house, the length whereof was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the

breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, *amounting* to six hundred talents. ⁹And the weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

¹⁰And in the most holy house he made two cherubim of image work, and overlaid them with gold. ¹¹And the wings of the cherubim *were* twenty cubits long: one wing of *the one cherub* *was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing *was likewise* five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. ¹²And *one wing* of the other cherub *was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing *was* five cubits *also*, joining to the wing of the other cherub. ¹³The wings of these cherubim spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces *were* inward.

¹⁴And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubim thereon.

¹⁵Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the capital that *was* on the top of each of them *was* five cubits.

¹⁶And he made chains, *as* in the inner sanctuary, and put *them* on the heads of the pillars; and made a hundred pomegranates, and put *them* on the chains.

¹⁷And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the

right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of the one on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

4 Moreover he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.

²Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim round in compass, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about. ³And under it *was* the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about: ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. The oxen *were* in two rows, cast in the same casting with it. ⁴It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea *was set* above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward. ⁵And the thickness of it *was* a handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; and it received and held three thousand baths.

⁶He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them: such things as they offered for the burnt-offering they washed in them; but the sea *was* for the priests to wash in.

⁷And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form,

and set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

⁸He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made a hundred basins of gold.

⁹Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass.

¹⁰And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south.

¹¹And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basins.

And Hiram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God;

¹²To wit, the two pillars, and the bowls, and the capitals which were on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on the top of the pillars;

¹³And four hundred pomegranates on the two networks; two rows of pomegranates on each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were upon the pillars. ¹⁴He made also bases, and lavers made he upon the bases;

¹⁵One sea, and twelve oxen under it. ¹⁶The pots also, and the shovels, and the flesh-hooks, and all their instruments, did Hiram his father make to king Solomon for the house of the Lord of hright brass. ¹⁷In the plain of the Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Suc-

coth and Zeredathah. ¹⁸Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out.

¹⁹And Solomon made all the vessels that were for the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the shewbread was set; ²⁰Moreover the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn after the manner before the inner sanctuary, of pure gold; ²¹And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, made he of gold, and that perfect gold; ²²And the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers, of pure gold: and the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy place, and the doors of the house of the temple, were of gold.

5 Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the Lord was finished: and Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

²Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the heads of families of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. ³Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh month. ⁴And

all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark. ⁶And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, these did the priests *and* the Levites bring up. ⁷Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude. ⁸And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the Lord unto its place, to the sanctuary of the house, into the most holy *place*, *even* under the wings of the cherubim: ⁹For the cherubim spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the staves thereof above. ¹⁰And they drew out the staves *of the ark*, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the sanctuary; but they were not seen without. And there it is unto this day. ¹¹*There was* nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put *therein* at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

¹²And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy *place*: (for all the priests *that were* present were sanctified, and did not *then* wait by divisions: ¹³Also the Levites *that were* the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their breth-

ren, *being* arrayed in white linen having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them *1* hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets: ¹⁴*The* came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, *saying*, For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the Lord; ¹⁵So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.

6 Then said Solomon, The Lord hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. ²But I have built a house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

³And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood. ⁴And he said, Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled *that* which he spoke with his mouth to my father David, saying, ⁵Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my

people Israel: ⁶But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel. ⁷Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of the Lord God of Israel. ⁸But the Lord said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build a house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart: ⁹Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house; but thy son who shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name. ¹⁰The Lord therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised, and have built the house for the name of the Lord God of Israel. ¹¹And in it have I put the ark, wherein is the covenant of the Lord, that he made with the children of Israel.

¹²And he stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands: ¹³For Solomon had made a brazen laver of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven, ¹⁴And said, O Lord God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; who keepest cov-

enant, and *shewest* mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts: ¹⁵Thou who hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as *it is* this day. ¹⁶Now therefore, O Lord God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me. ¹⁷Now then, O Lord God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David.

¹⁸But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee: how much less this house which I have built! ¹⁹Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee: ²⁰That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer, which thy servant prayeth toward this place. ²¹Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwell-

ing-place, *even* from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.

²²If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house; ²³Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.

²⁴And if thy people Israel be smitten before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house; ²⁵Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them back unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.

²⁶When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; *yet* if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them; ²⁷Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

²⁸If there be famine in the land, if there be pestilence, if

there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land; whatsoever sor or whatsoever sickness *there be* ²⁹Then what prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief and shall spread forth his hand in this house: ³⁰Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling-place and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men:) ³¹That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

³²Moreover concerning the stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; if they come and pray in this house; ³³Then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as *doth* thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name.

³⁴If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this

city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name; ²⁰Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

²¹If they sin against thee, (for *there is no man that sinneth not*), and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before *their* enemies, and they carry them away captive unto a land far off or near; ²²Yet if they be-think themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly; ²³If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captive, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: ²⁴Then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling-place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people who have sinned against thee.

²⁵Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place. ²⁶Now therefore arise, O Lord God, into thy resting-place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O Lord God, be cloth-

ed with salvation, and let thy holy ones rejoice in goodness. ²⁷O Lord God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of David thy servant.

7 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt-offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the house. ²And the priests could not enter into the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house. ³And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the Lord, *saying*, For *he is good*; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

⁴Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the Lord. ⁵And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

⁶And the priests waited on their offices; and the Levites *had* in their hands instruments of music of the Lord, which David the king had made, to praise the Lord, because his mercy *endureth* for ever, with the praise of David; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the Lord: for there he offered burnt-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings, because the brazen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt-offerings, and the meal-offering, and the fat.

Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entrance of Hamath unto the River of Egypt. And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the Lord had shewn unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the Lord, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my peo-

ple; If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments; Then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel. But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations. And this house, which hath been so high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the Lord done thus unto this

land, and unto this house? ²²And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

⁸ And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the Lord, and his own house, ⁹That the cities which Hiram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there. ¹⁰And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it. ¹¹And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath. ¹²Also he built Beth-horon the Upper, and Beth-horon the Nether, fortified cities, with walls, gates, and bars; ¹³And Baalath, and all the store-cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

¹⁴As for all the people that were left of the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, who were not of Israel, ¹⁵But of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day. ¹⁶But of the children

of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.

¹⁷And these were the chief of king Solomon's officers, even two hundred and fifty, that bore rule over the people.

¹⁸And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are holy, whereunto the ark of the Lord hath come.

¹⁹Then Solomon offered burnt-offerings unto the Lord on the altar of the Lord, which he had built before the porch, ²⁰Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles. ²¹And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the divisions of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the gate-keepers also by their divisions at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded. ²²And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and

Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.

¹⁶Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the Lord, and until it was finished. So the house of the Lord was perfected.

¹⁷Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth, at the seaside in the land of Edom. ¹⁸And Hiram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

9 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that bore spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. ²And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not. ³And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, ⁴And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, his cup-bearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the Lord; there was no more

spirit in her. ⁵And she said to the king, *It was* a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom: ⁶But I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: for thou exceedest the fame that I heard. ⁷Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy servants, who stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom. ⁸Blessed be the Lord thy God, who delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, to be king for the Lord thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.

⁹And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

¹⁰And the servants also of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, that brought gold from Ophir, brought algum-trees and precious stones. ¹¹And the king made of the algum-trees terraces to the house of the Lord, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah.

¹²And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, besides that which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went

away to her own land, she and her servants.

¹⁸Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold; ¹⁹*Besides that which traders and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.*

²⁰And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold; six hundred *shekels* of beaten gold went to one target. ²¹And three hundred shields *made he* of beaten gold: three hundred *shekels* of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

²²Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. ²³And *there were* six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, *which were* fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting-place, and two lions standing by the stays: ²⁴And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.

²⁵And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold: none *were of* silver; it was *not* any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon. ²⁶For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Huram: every three years once

came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

²⁷And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. ²⁸And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart. ²⁹And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

³⁰And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

³¹And he reigned over all the kings from the River even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. ³²And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar-trees made he as the sycamore-trees that *are* in the low plains in abundance. ³³And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

³⁴Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, *are* they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

³⁵And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.

³¹And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father; and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

10 And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king.

²And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who *was* in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard *it*, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. ³And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, ⁴Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee. ⁵And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

⁶And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye *me* to return answer to this people? ⁷And they spoke unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.

⁸But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him. ⁹And he

said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to this people, that have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us? ¹⁰And the young men that were brought up with him spoke unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spoke unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* is thicker than my father's loins. ¹¹For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke. my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with thorns.

¹²So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day. ¹³And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men, ¹⁴And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with thorns.

¹⁵So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of God, that the Lord might perform his word, which he spoke by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. ¹⁶And when all Israel *saw* that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered

the king, saying, What portion have we in David? and *we have* no inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: *and* now, David, see to thine own house. So all Israel went to their tents. ¹⁷But *as for* the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

¹⁸Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that *was* over the tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to *his* chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

¹⁹And Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

11 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin a hundred and four-score thousand chosen *men*, that were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom back to Rehoboam.

²But the word of the Lord came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, ³Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, ⁴Thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren; return every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the Lord, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

⁵And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defence in Judah. ⁶He built even Beth-

lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa, ⁷And Beth-zur, and Soco, and Adullam, ⁸And Gath, and Marreshah, and Ziph, ⁹And Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, ¹⁰And Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which *are* in Judah and in Benjamin fortified cities. ¹¹And he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and store of victual, and of oil and wine. ¹²And in each city *he put* shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

¹³And the priests and the Levites that *were* in all Israel resorted to him out of all their borders. ¹⁴For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the Lord: ¹⁵And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made. ¹⁶And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the Lord God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the Lord God of their fathers. ¹⁷So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.

¹⁸And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, *and* Abihail the daughter of Eli-

ab the son of Jesse; ¹⁹Who bore him children; Jeush, and Shamaiah, and Zaham. ²⁰Who bore him children; Maachah the daughter of Absalom; who bore him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith. ²¹And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and threescore concubines; and begot twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.) ²²And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, *to be ruler among his brethren: for he thought to make him king.* ²³And he dealt wisely, and distributed all his children throughout all the lands of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fortified city: and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired many wives.

12 And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the Lord, and all Israel with him.

¹And it came to pass, *that in the fifth year of king Rehoboam Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against the Lord,* ²With twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people *were* without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Lubim, the Sukkiim, and the Ethiopians. ³And he took the fortified cities

which *pertained* to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

⁴Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and *to the* princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith the Lord, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak. ⁵Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The Lord is righteous. ⁶And when the Lord saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the Lord came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; *therefore* I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. ⁷Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.

⁸And Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made. ⁹Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed *them* to the hands of the chief of the runners, that kept the entrance of the king's house. ¹⁰And when the king entered into the house of the Lord, the runners came and fetched them, and brought them back in-

to the chamber of the runners. ¹²And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the Lord turned from him, that he would not destroy him altogether: and also in Judah things went well.

¹³The king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam was one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the Lord had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess. ¹⁴And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord.

¹⁵Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies?

And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

¹⁶And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

13 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah. ²He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah.

And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. ³And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand

chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valour.

⁴And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel; ⁵Ought ye not to know that the Lord God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? ⁶Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord. ⁷And there are gathered unto him idlers and wicked men, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tender-hearted, and could not withstand them. ⁸And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the Lord in the hand of the sons of David; and ye are a great multitude, and there are with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods. ⁹Have ye not cast out the priests of the Lord, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods. ¹⁰But as for us, the Lord is our God, and we have not forsaken him; the sons of Aaron minister

to the Lord as priests, and the Levites with their work. ¹¹And they burn unto the Lord every morning and every evening burnt-sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also *set they in order* upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the Lord our God; but ye have forsaken him. ¹²And, behold, God himself is with us for *our* captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you, O children of Israel, fight ye not against the Lord God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

¹³But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment *was* behind them. ¹⁴And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle *was* before and behind: and they cried unto the Lord, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. ¹⁵Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. ¹⁶And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand. ¹⁷And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men. ¹⁸Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they re-

lied upon the Lord God of their fathers.

¹⁹And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him Beth-el with the towns thereof and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephraim with the towns thereof. ²⁰Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the Lord struck him, and he died.

²¹But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begot twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

²²And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, *are* written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

²³So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

14 And Asa did *that which was* good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God: ²For he took away the altars of the strange *gods*, and the high places, and broke down the images, and cut down the groves: ³And commanded Judah to seek the Lord God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. ⁴Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun-images: and the kingdom was quiet before him. ⁵And he built fortified cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the Lord had given him rest. ⁶Therefore he said unto Ju-

dah, Let us build these cities, and make about *them* walls, and towers, gates, and bars, *while* the land *is* yet before us; because we have sought the Lord our God, we have sought *him*, and he hath given us rest on every side. So *they* built and prospered.

⁷And Asa had an army of *men* that bore targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bore shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand; all these *were* mighty men of valour.

⁸And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with a host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mareshah. ⁹Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. ¹⁰And Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, *it is* nothing with thee to help, whether the mighty, or the powerless: help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, thou *art* our God; let not man prevail against thee.

¹¹So the Lord smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. ¹²And Asa and the people that *were* with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they *were* destroyed before the Lord, and before his host; and they

carried away very much spoil. ¹³And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of the Lord came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them. ¹⁴They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

15 And the spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded: ²And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The Lord *is* with you, while ye are with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. ³Now for a long season Israel *hath been* without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. ⁴But when they in their trouble did turn unto the Lord God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. ⁵And in those times *there was* no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations *were* upon all the inhabitants of the countries. ⁶And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity. ⁷Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

⁸And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and

Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the Lord, that *was* before the porch of the Lord. ⁹And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the Lord his God *was* with him. ¹⁰So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. ¹¹And they offered unto the Lord the same day, of the spoil *which* they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. ¹²And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; ¹³That whosoever would not seek the Lord God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. ¹⁴And they swore unto the Lord with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. ¹⁵And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the Lord gave them rest round about.

¹⁶And also *concerning* Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from *being* queen, because she had made a hideous idol for a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron.

¹⁷But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

¹⁸And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.

¹⁹And there was no *more* war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

16 In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

²Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the Lord and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, ³*There is* a league between me and thee, as *there was* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

⁴And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store-cities of Naphtali.

⁵And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he left off the building of Ramah, and let his work cease. ⁶Then Asa the

king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Rammah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubim a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the Lord, he delivered them into thine hand. For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison-house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa crushed some of the people the same time.

And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great; yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians.

And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries' art and they made a very great burning for him.

17 And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel. And he placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. And the Lord was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim; But sought to the God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. Therefore the Lord established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance. And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord: moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, even to Ben-hail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah. And with them he sent Levites, even Shemaiah,

and Nathaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests. ⁹And they taught in Judah, and *had* the book of the law of the Lord with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

¹⁰And the fear of the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat. ¹¹Also *some* of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he-goats. ¹²And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store. ¹³And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, *were* in Jerusalem.

¹⁴And *these are* the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand. ¹⁵And next to him *was* Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand. ¹⁶And next to him *was* Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the Lord; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour. ¹⁷And

of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand. ¹⁸And next to him *was* Jehozabad, and with him a hundred and four score thousand ready prepared for the war. ¹⁹These waited on the king, besides *those* whom the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah.

18 Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab. ²And after *certain* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramoth-gilead. ³And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I *am* as thou *art*, and my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war.

⁴And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of the Lord today. ⁵Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver it into the king's hand. ⁶But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we might inquire of him? ⁷And the king of Israel said unto Jeho-

shaphat, *There is yet one man, by whom we may inquire of the Lord: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same is Micaiah the son of Imla.* And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

⁹And the king of Israel called for one of his officers, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla. ¹⁰And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in their robes, and they sat in a threshing-floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. ¹⁰And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the Lord, With these thou shalt push Syria until they be consumed. ¹¹And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

¹²And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one assent; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good. ¹³And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak.

¹⁴And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up,

and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand. ¹⁵And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the Lord? ¹⁶Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the Lord said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace. ¹⁷And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good unto me, but evil?

¹⁸Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the Lord; I saw the Lord sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left. ¹⁹And the Lord said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spoke saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner. ²⁰Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will entice him. And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? ²¹And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the Lord said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do even so. ²²Now therefore, behold, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the Lord hath spoken evil against thee.

²³Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote

Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the spirit of the Lord from me to speak unto thee? ²⁴And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself. ²⁵Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; ²⁶And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace. ²⁷And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, *then* hath not the Lord spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye people.

²⁸So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. ²⁹And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle.

³⁰Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that *were* with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel. ³¹And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the Lord helped him; and God moved them *to depart* from him. ³²For it came to pass,

that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him.

³³And a *certain* man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.

³⁴And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed *himself* up in *his* chariot against the Syrians until the even: and about the time of the sun going down he died.

19 And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. ²And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord? therefore *is* wrath upon thee from before the Lord. ³Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

⁴And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beersheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the Lord God of their fathers. ⁵And he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, ⁶And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the

Lord, who *is* with you in the judgment. ⁷Wherefore now let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take heed and do it: for *there is* no iniquity with the Lord our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

⁸Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and of the priests, and of the heads of families of Israel, for the judgment of the Lord, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem. ⁹And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the Lord, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. ¹⁰And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the Lord, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass. ¹¹And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the Lord; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites *shall be* officers before you. Deal courageously, and the Lord shall be with the good.

20 It came to pass after this also, *that* the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them *others* besides the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. ¹Then there came some that told

Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they *are* in Hazazon-tamar, which is Engedi. ²And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. ³And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask *help* of the Lord: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord. ⁴And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court, ⁵And said, O Lord God of our fathers, *art* not thou God in heaven? and rulest *not* thou over all the kingdoms of the nations? and in thine hand *is there not* power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? ⁶Art not thou our God, *who* didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? ⁷And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, ⁸If, *when* evil cometh upon us, *as* the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help. ⁹And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from

them, and destroyed them not; ¹¹Behold, *I say, how* they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. ¹²O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes *are* upon thee.

¹³And all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

¹⁴Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mataniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the spirit of the Lord in the midst of the congregation; ¹⁵And he said, Harken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle *is* not yours, but God's. ¹⁶To-morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the hill of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel. ¹⁷Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye *still*, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to-morrow go out against them: for the Lord *will* be with you.

¹⁸And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before

the Lord, worshipping the Lord. ¹⁹And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with an exceeding loud voice.

²⁰And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

²¹And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy *endureth* for ever. ²²And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, that were come against Judah; and they were smitten. ²³For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to exterminate and destroy *them*: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.

²⁴And when Judah came toward the watch-tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they *were* dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped. ²⁵And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found

among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much. ²⁶And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the Lord: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day. ²⁷Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go back to Jerusalem with joy; for the Lord had made them to rejoice over their enemies. ²⁸And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the Lord. ²⁹And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the Lord fought against the enemies of Israel. ³⁰So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.

³¹And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: *he was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

³²And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing *that which was* right in the sight of the Lord. ³³But the high places were not taken away: for as yet the peo-

ple had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

³⁴Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they *are* entered in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who is mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

³⁵And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly: ³⁶And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Ezion-gaber. ³⁷Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the Lord hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

21 Now Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

²And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. ³And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fortified cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram; because he *was* the first-born. ⁴Now when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his

brethren with the sword, and some also of the princes of Israel.

⁵Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. ⁶And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought *that which was* evil in the eyes of the Lord. ⁷But the Lord would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever.

⁸In his days the Edomites revolted from under the dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king. ⁹Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites that compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots.

¹⁰So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time also did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the Lord God of his fathers. ¹¹Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go astray, and compelled Judah *thereto*.

¹²And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the Lord God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in

the ways of Asa king of Judah, ¹³But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go astray, like to the harlotries of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, *who were* better than thyself:

¹⁴Behold, with a great plague will the Lord smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods: ¹⁵And thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.

¹⁶Moreover the Lord stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that *were* near the Ethiopians: ¹⁷And they came up into Judah, and broke into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons. ¹⁸And after all this the Lord smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease. ¹⁹And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

²⁰Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. And they buried

him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

22 And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. ²Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri.

³He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly. ⁴Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the Lord like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father to his destruction. ⁵He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians smote Joram. ⁶And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick.

⁷And the destruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the Lord had anointed to cut off

the house of Ahab. ⁸And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them. ⁹And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the Lord with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom.

¹⁰But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and exterminated all the seed royal of the house of Judah. ¹¹But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bed-chamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not. ¹²And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

23 And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son

of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him. ²And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the heads of families of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. ³And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the Lord hath said of the sons of David. ⁴This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, *shall be gate-keepers at the thresholds*; ⁵And a third part *shall be* at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people *shall be* in the courts of the house of the Lord. ⁶But let none come into the house of the Lord, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall go in, for they *are* holy: but all the people shall keep the charge of the Lord. ⁷And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever *else* cometh into the house, he shall be put to death: but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

⁸So the Levites and all Judah did according to all the things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go out on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the

divisions. ⁹Moreover Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captain of hundreds spears, and bucklers and shields, that *had been* king David's, which *were* in the house of God. ¹⁰And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about. ¹¹Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and *gave him* the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, Long live the king.

¹²Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the Lord: ¹³And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entrance, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of music, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, treason.

¹⁴Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the army, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of the Lord. ¹⁵So they laid hands on her; and when she was come

to the entrance of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there.

¹⁰And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the Lord's people. ¹⁷Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and broke it down, and broke his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

¹⁸Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the Lord by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the Lord, to offer the burnt-offerings of the Lord, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was ordained by David. ²⁸And he set the gatekeepers at the gates of the house of the Lord, that none that was unclean in any thing should enter in. ²⁹And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the Lord: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom. ³⁰And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

24 Joash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jeru-

salem. His mother's name also was Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

²And Joash did that which was right in the sight of the Lord all the days of Jehoiada the priest. ³And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begot sons and daughters.

⁴And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded to repair the house of the Lord. ⁵And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. But the Levites hastened it not. ⁶And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the servant of the Lord, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness? ⁷For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the Lord did they bestow upon Baalim.

⁸And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the Lord. ⁹And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the Lord the collection that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness.

¹⁰And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end. ¹¹Now it came to pass, that at the time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that *there was much money*, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it back to its place. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance. ¹²And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the Lord, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the Lord, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the Lord. ¹³So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in its state, and strengthened it. ¹⁴And when they had finished *it*, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the Lord, *even* vessels to minister, and to offer *withal*, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt-offerings in the house of the Lord continually all the days of Jehoiada.

¹⁵But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; a hundred and thirty years old *was he* when he died. ¹⁶And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had

done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.

¹⁷Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them. ¹⁸And they left the house of the Lord God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass. ¹⁹Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them back unto the Lord; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.

²⁰And the spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the Lord, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the Lord, he hath also forsaken you. ²¹And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the Lord.

²²Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The Lord look upon *it*, and require *it*.

²³And it came to pass at the end of the year, *that* the army of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus. ²⁴For the army of the Sy-

rians came with a small company of men, and the Lord delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the Lord God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash. ²⁵And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings. ²⁶And these are they that conspired against him; Zabad the son of Shimeth an Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith a Moabite.

²⁷Now concerning his sons, and the greatness of the burdens laid upon him, and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they are written in the story of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

25 Amaziah was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. ²And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, but not with a perfect heart.

³Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was firm with him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father. ⁴But he slew not their children,

but *did* as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where the Lord commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

⁵Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice *men*, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield. ⁶He hired also a hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for a hundred talents of silver.

⁷But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for the Lord *is* not with Israel, *to wit*, with all the children of Ephraim. ⁸But if thou wilt go, do *it*, be strong for the battle: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down. ⁹And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The Lord is able to give thee much more than this. ¹⁰Then Amaziah separated them, *to wit*, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go back home: wherefore their anger was greatly

kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

¹¹And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the Valley of Salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand. ¹²And *other* ten thousand *left* alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces. ¹³But the soldiers of the army whom Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

¹⁴Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to *be* his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them. ¹⁵Wherefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, who said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, that could not deliver their own people out of thine hand? ¹⁶And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that *the king* said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbore, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee,

because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.

¹⁷Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face. ¹⁸And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trod down the thistle. ¹⁹Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle to *thine* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee? ²⁰But Amaziah would not hear: for it *came* of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of *their enemies*, because they sought after the gods of Edom. ²¹So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, *both* he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah. ²²And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.

²³And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner

gate, four hundred cubits. ²⁴And he took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

²⁵And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

²⁶Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?

²⁷Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away from following the Lord they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish; but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there. ²⁸And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

26 Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.

²He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

³Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

⁴And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah did. ⁵And he sought

God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.

⁶And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod, among the Philistines.

⁷And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwell in Gur-baal and the Melunim. ⁸And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad even to the entrance of Egypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly. ⁹Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them. ¹⁰Also he built towers in the desert, and digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen also, and vine-dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry.

¹¹Moreover Uzziah had a host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. ¹²The whole number of the heads of families of the mighty men of valour was two thousand and six hundred. ¹³And under their hand was an

army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. ¹⁴And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings to cast stones.

¹⁵And he made in Jerusalem devices, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

¹⁶But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to the point of corruption: for he transgressed against the Lord his God, and went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense upon the altar of incense. ¹⁷And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the Lord, that were valiant men: ¹⁸And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, *It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the Lord, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour from the Lord God.* ¹⁹Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the

Lord, from beside the incense altar. ²⁰And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he *was* leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hastened also to go out, because the Lord had smitten him.

²¹And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in an isolated house, *being* a leper: for he was cut off from the house of the Lord: and Jotham his son *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

²²Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write.

²³So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which *belonged* to the kings; for they said, He *is* a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

27 Jotham *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

²And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Uzziah did: but he entered not into the temple of the Lord. And the people did yet corruptly.

³He built the high gate of the house of the Lord, and on the

wall of the Ophel he built much. ⁴Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers. ⁵He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year a hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third. ⁶So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the Lord his God.

⁷Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

⁸He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

⁹And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

28 Ahaz was twenty years old

when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not *that which was* right in the sight of the Lord, like David his father: ²For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim. ³Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the na-

tions whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel. ⁴He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. ⁵Wherefore the Lord his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captive, and brought *them* to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter. ⁶For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah a hundred and twenty thousand in one day, *who were* all valiant men; because they had forsaken the Lord God of their fathers. ⁷And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah *that was* next to the king. ⁸And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

⁹But a prophet of the Lord was there, whose name *was* Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the Lord God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage *that reacheth* up unto heaven. ¹⁰And now ye purpose to force the children of Judah and Jeru-

saalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: *but are there not with you, even with you, sins against the Lord your God?* ¹¹Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives back, whom ye have taken captive of your brethren: for the fierce wrath of the Lord is upon you.

¹²Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war, ¹³And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended against the Lord *already*, ye intend to add *more* to our sins and to our trespass: for our trespass is great, and *there is* fierce wrath against Israel. ¹⁴So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation. ¹⁵And the men that were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm-trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria.

¹⁶At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him. ¹⁷For again the Edomites had come and smitten

Judah, and carried away captives. ¹⁸The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Socho with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there. ¹⁹For the Lord brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the Lord. ²⁰And Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not. ²¹For Ahaz divided the house of the Lord, and the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave *it* unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.

²²And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the Lord: *this is that* king Ahaz. ²³For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, *therefore* will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel. ²⁴And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the Lord, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. ²⁵And in each city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and

provoked to anger the Lord God of his fathers.

²⁰Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

²¹And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, *even* in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

29 Hezekiah began to reign *when he was* five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

³And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done. ⁴He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the Lord, and repaired them. ⁵And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the open space, ⁶And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy *place*. ⁷For our fathers have trespassed, and done *that which was* evil in the eyes of the Lord our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord, and turned *their backs*. ⁸Also they have shut

up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt-offerings in the holy *place* unto the God of Israel. ⁹Wherefore the wrath of the Lord was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to terror, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes. ¹⁰For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. ¹¹Now *it is* in mine heart to make a covenant with the Lord God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us. ¹²My sons, be not now negligent: for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense.

¹³Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Aamasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehaleel: and of the Gershonites; Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah: ¹⁴And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah: ¹⁵And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel. ¹⁶And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the Lord, to cleanse the

house of the Lord. ¹⁰And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the Lord, to cleanse *it*, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the Lord into the court of the house of the Lord. And the Levites took *it*, to carry *it* out abroad into the brook Kidron. ¹¹Now they began on the first *day* of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the Lord: so they sanctified the house of the Lord in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. ¹²Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the Lord, and the altar of burnt-offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof. ¹³Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they *are* before the altar of the Lord.

²⁰Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the Lord. ²¹And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he-goats, for a sin-offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer *them* on the altar of the Lord. ²²So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received

the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar. ²³And they brought forth the he-goats for the sin-offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them: ²⁴And the priests killed them, and they made atonement with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded *that* the burnt-offering and the sin-offering *should be made* for all Israel.

²⁵And he set the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for *so was* the commandment of the Lord by his prophets. ²⁶And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. ²⁷And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt-offering upon the altar. And when the burnt-offering began, the song of the Lord began *also* with the trumpets, and with the instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel. ²⁸And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: *and all this continued* until the burnt-offering was finished.

²⁹And when they had made an end of offering, the king and

all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped. ³⁰Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the Lord with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

³¹Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the Lord, come near and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings into the house of the Lord. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank-offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt-offerings. ³²And the number of the burnt-offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, a hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt-offering to the Lord. ³³And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. ³⁴But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt-offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the other priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.

³⁵And also the burnt-offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace-offerings, and the drink-offerings for every burnt-offering.

So the service of the house of

the Lord was set in order. ³⁶And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared this for the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

30 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the Lord God of Israel. ²For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month. ³For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. ⁴And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation. ⁵So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the Lord God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done it of a long time in such manner as it was written.

⁶So the couriers went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn back unto the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. ⁷And be not ye like

your fathers, and like your brethren, that trespassed against the Lord God of their fathers, *who* therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see. ⁸Now be ye not stiff-necked, as your fathers *were*, but yield yourselves unto the Lord, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the Lord your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you. ⁹For if ye return to the Lord, your brethren and your children *shall find* compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come back into this land: for the Lord your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn away *his* face from you, if ye return unto him.

¹⁰So the couriers passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. ¹¹Nevertheless some men of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem. ¹²Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the Lord.

¹³And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation. ¹⁴And they arose and took away the altars that *were* in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast *them* into the brook Kidron.

¹⁵Then they killed the passover-lamb on the fourteenth *day* of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt-offerings into the house of the Lord. ¹⁶And they stood in their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, *which they received* of the hand of the Levites. ¹⁷For *there were* many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passover-lambs for every one *that was* not clean, to sanctify *them* unto the Lord. ¹⁸For a multitude of the people, *even* many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover-lamb otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good Lord pardon every one, ¹⁹*That* prepareth his heart to seek God, the Lord God of his fathers, though *he be* not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. ²⁰And the Lord hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

²¹And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the Lord day by day, *singing* with loud instruments unto the Lord. ²²And Hezekiah spoke comfortably unto all

the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the Lord: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace-offerings, and making confession to the Lord God of their fathers.

²⁴And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept *other* seven days with gladness. ²⁵For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. ²⁶And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. ²⁶So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel *there was* not the like in Jerusalem. ²⁷Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling-place, *even* unto heaven.

31 Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and broke the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then

all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.

²And Hezekiah appointed the divisions of the priests and the Levites after their divisions, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt-offerings and for peace-offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the Lord. ³*He appointed* also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt-offerings, *to wit*, for the morning and evening burnt-offerings, and the burnt-offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as *it is* written in the law of the Lord. ⁴Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might hold firmly to the law of the Lord.

⁵And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first-fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all *things* brought they in abundantly. ⁶And *concerning* the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the Lord their God, and laid *them* by heaps. ⁷In the third month they began to lay the heaps, and finished in the seventh month. ⁸And when Hezekiah and

the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the Lord, and his people Israel. ⁹Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps. ¹⁰And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since *the people* began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the Lord hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store.

¹¹Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the Lord; and they prepared *them*, ¹²And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated *things* faithfully; over which Cononiah the Levite *was* ruler, and Shimei his brother *was* the next. ¹³And Jehiel, and Azariah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, *were* overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God. ¹⁴And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the gate-keeper toward the east, *was* over the freewill-offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the Lord, and the most holy things. ¹⁵And next to him *were* Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in *their* set office, to give to their brethren by divisions, as well to the great

as to the small: ¹⁶Besides their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, *even* unto every one that entereth into the house of the Lord, his daily portion for their service in their charges according to their divisions; ¹⁷Both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their divisions; ¹⁸And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their faith they sanctified themselves in holiness: ¹⁹Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, *that were* in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in each city, the men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.

²⁰And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought *that which was* good and right and truth before the Lord his God. ²¹And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did *it* with all his heart, and prospered.

32 After these things, and faithful acts, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fortified cities, and thought to win them for himself. ²And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib

was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem, ⁸He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which *were* without the city: and they did help him. ⁹So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water? ¹⁰Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo in the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance. ¹¹And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the open space at the gate of the city, and spoke comfortably to them, saying, ¹²Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that *is* with him: for *there be* more with us than with him: ¹³With him *is* an arm of flesh; but with us *is* the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

¹⁴After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he *himself* laid siege against Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that *were* at Jerusalem, saying, ¹⁵Thus saith Sen-

nacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem? ¹⁶Doth not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The Lord our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria? ¹⁷Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it? ¹⁸Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the peoples of *other* lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands able to deliver their lands out of mine hand? ¹⁹Who *was there* among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand? ²⁰Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?

²¹And his servants spoke yet *more* against the Lord God, and against his servant Hezekiah. ²²He wrote also letters to rail on the Lord God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of *other* lands have not delivered their

people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand. ¹⁸Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech onto the people of Jerusalem that *were* on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city. ¹⁹And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the peoples of the earth, *which were* the work of the hands of man.

²⁰And for this *cause* Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven. ²¹And the Lord sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword. ²²Thus the Lord saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *others*, and guided them on every side. ²³And many brought gifts unto the Lord to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

²⁴In those days Hezekiah was sick unto death, and prayed unto the Lord: and he spoke unto him, and he gave him a sign. ²⁵But Hezekiah rendered not back according to the benefit *done* unto

him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem. ²⁶Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, *both* he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

²⁷And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels; ²⁸Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks. ²⁹Moreover he provided him cities and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much. ³⁰This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper water-course of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works. ³¹But in *the business* of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire of the wonder that was *done* in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know *all that was* in his heart.

³²Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, behold, they *are* written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

⁸And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the high place of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

33 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem.

²And did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, like unto the abominations of the nations, whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.

³For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. ⁴Also he built altars in the house of the Lord, whereof the Lord had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever. ⁵And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord. ⁶And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger. ⁷And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house,

and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: ⁸Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses. ⁹So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the nations, whom the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel.

¹⁰And the Lord spoke to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken. ¹¹Wherefore the Lord brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh in chains, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. ¹²And when he was in affliction, he besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, ¹³And prayed unto him: and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord he was God.

¹⁴Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entrance at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fortified

cities of Judah. ¹³And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the Lord, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the Lord, and in Jerusalem, and cast *them* out of the city. ¹⁴And he repaired the altar of the Lord, and sacrificed thereon peace-offerings and thank-offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the Lord God of Israel. ¹⁵Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the Lord their God only.

¹⁶Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spoke to him in the name of the Lord God of Israel, behold, they *are written* in the book of the kings of Israel. ¹⁷His prayer also, and *how God* was entreated of him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they *are written* among the sayings of the seers.

¹⁸So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

¹⁹Amon was two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem.

²⁰And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the Lord, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh

his father had made, and served them; ²¹And humbled not himself before the Lord, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but he, Amon, trespassed more and more. ²²And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house. ²³But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

34 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years.

¹And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined *neither* to the right hand, nor to the left. ²For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images. ³And they broke down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the sun-images, that *were* on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he broke in pieces, and made dust of *them*, and strewed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them. ⁴And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. ⁵And so

did he in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon even unto Naphtali, in their ruins round about. ⁷And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all sun-images throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

⁸Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the Lord his God. ⁹And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem. ¹⁰And they put it in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the Lord, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the Lord, to repair and amend the house: ¹¹Even to the artificers and builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. ¹²And the men did the work faithfully: and over them were appointed Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and

Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to oversee; and *others* of the Levites, all that were skilful on instruments of music.

¹³Also *they were* over the bearers of burdens, and *were* overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service: and of the Levites *there were* scribes, and officers, and gate-keepers.

¹⁴And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found a book of the law of the Lord *given* by Moses.

¹⁵And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.

¹⁶And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do it. ¹⁷And they have poured out the money that was found in the house of the Lord, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.

¹⁸Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. ¹⁹And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes. ²⁰And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying, ²¹Go, inquire of the Lord

for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lord that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord, to do after all that is written in this book.

²²And Hilkiah, and *they* that the king *had appointed*, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second quarter:) and they spoke to her to that effect. ²³And she answered them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me, ²⁴Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah: ²⁵Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched. ²⁶And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel *concerning* the words which thou hast heard; ²⁷Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this

place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard *thee* also, saith the Lord. ²⁸Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought back word to the king.

²⁹Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. ³⁰And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the Lord. ³¹And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book. ³²And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. ³³And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that *pertained* to the children of Israel, and made all that were

present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve the Lord their God. And all his days they departed not from following the Lord, the God of their fathers.

35 Moreover Josiah kept a passover-lamb unto the Lord in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover-lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month. ²And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the Lord, ³And said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, that were holy unto the Lord, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; *it shall not be* a burden upon *your* shoulders: serve now the Lord your God, and his people Israel, ⁴And prepare *yourselves* by the houses of your fathers, after your divisions, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son. ⁵And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brethren the people, and *after* the division of the families of the Levites. ⁶So kill the passover-lamb, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that *they* may do according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

⁷And Josiah gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover-offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these *were* of

the king's substance. ⁸And his princes gave willingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover-offerings two thousand and six hundred *small cattle*, and three hundred oxen. ⁹Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for passover-offerings five thousand *small cattle*, and five hundred oxen.

¹⁰So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their divisions, according to the king's commandment. ¹¹And they killed the passover-lamb, and the priests sprinkled *the blood* from their hands, and the Levites flayed *them*. ¹²And they removed the burnt-offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the Lord, as *it is* written in the book of Moses. And so *did they* with the oxen. ¹³And they roasted the passover-lamb with fire according to the ordinance: but the *other* holy offerings sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided *them* speedily among all the people. ¹⁴And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron *were busied* in the offering of burnt-offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Lev-

ites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.

¹⁵And the singers the sons of Asaph *were* in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the gate-keepers *waited* at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

¹⁶So all the service of the Lord was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt-offerings upon the altar of the Lord, according to the commandment of king Josiah. ¹⁷And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. ¹⁸And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁹In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept.

²⁰After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Charchemish by the Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him. ²¹But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? *I come* not against thee

this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from *meddling* with God, who *is* with me, that he destroy thee not. ²²Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. ²³And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded. ²⁴His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in *one of the sepulchres* of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. ²⁵And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and the singing women spoke of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they *are* written in the lamentations.

²⁶Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his goodness, according to *that which was* written in the law of the Lord, ²⁷And his deeds, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

36 Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem. ²Jehoahaz was twenty and three

years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. ⁸And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and condemned the land in a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

⁹And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

¹⁰Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was evil* in the sight of the Lord his God.

¹¹Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. ¹²Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the Lord to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

¹³Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

And Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead. ¹⁴Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was evil* in the sight of the Lord.

¹⁵And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent,

and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the Lord, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

¹⁶Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

¹⁷And he did *that which was evil* in the sight of the Lord his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the Lord.

¹⁸And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the Lord God of Israel. ¹⁹Moreover all the chiefs of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the nations; and polluted the house of the Lord which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. ²⁰And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling-place: ²¹But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy. ²²Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldeans, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man

or maiden, old man, or aged: he gave *them* all into his hand. ¹⁸And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all *these* he brought to Babylon. ¹⁹And they burnt the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. ²⁰And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: ²¹To fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed

her sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

²²Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord *spoken* by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying. ²³Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the Lord God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. Who *is there* among you of all his people? The Lord his God *be* with him, and let him go up.

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METZORA	Kings II	7 ⁴ -7 ¹⁰	544	פליכים ב ו-ז	מצורע
ACHARE MOTH	Ezekiel	22 ¹ -22 ¹⁸	771	יחזקאל כב-כב	אחרי מות
	(s)	22 ¹ -22 ¹⁸	771	(ס) כב-כב	
ACHARE KE- DOSHIM	Amos	9 ⁷ -9 ¹⁸	841	עמוס ט-ט	אחרי-קדושים
	(s) Ezekiel	20 ⁴ -20 ¹⁰	766	(ס) יחזקאל כ-כ	
KEDOSHIM	Amos	9 ⁷ -9 ¹⁸	841	עמוס ט-ט	קדושים
	(s) Ezekiel	20 ⁴ -20 ¹⁰	766	(ס) יחזקאל כ-כ	
EMOR	Ezekiel	44 ¹⁸ -44 ³¹	810	יחזקאל מרס-מרים	אמר
BEHAR	Jeremiah	32 ⁴ -32 ¹⁷	703	ירמיה לב-לב	בהר
Behar-Bechuk.	Jeremiah	16 ¹⁸ -17 ¹⁴	679	ירמיה טד-יד	בהר-בחקתי
BECHUKOTHAI	Jeremiah	16 ¹⁸ -17 ¹⁴	679	ירמיה טד-יד	בחקתי
BEMIDBAR	Hosea	2 ¹ -2 ¹⁸	819	הושע ב-ב	במדבר
NABO	Judges	13 ³ -13 ¹⁸	374	שופטים יג-יג	נשא
BRHAALOTHECHA	Zecharia	2 ¹⁴ -4 ⁷	867	זכריה ב-ד	בהעלותך
SHELACH	Joshua	2 ¹ -2 ¹⁴	314	יהושע ג-ג	שלח
KORAH	Sam. I	11 ¹⁴ -12 ¹⁸	406	שפאל א יא-יב	קרח
CHUCKATH	Judges	11 ¹ -11 ¹⁸	371	שופטים יא-יא	חקת
BALAK	Micah	5 ⁴ -6 ⁸	850	מכה ה-ה	בלק
PINECHAS	Kings I	18 ¹⁴ -19 ¹¹	523	פליכים א יחזקיהו	פינחס
MATTOH	Jeremiah	1 ¹ -2 ¹	655	ירמיה א-ב	מטות

HAFTAROTH		PAGE	הפטרות	
MATTOTH-	<i>Jeremiah</i> 2 ¹ -2 ²⁸	636	בר-בכח	ידמיה
MASEI	3 ¹	658	ג	
	(s) <i>Jeremiah</i> 2 ¹ -2 ²⁸	656	בר-בכח	(ס) ידמיה
	4 ¹ -4 ³	659	ד-דב	
MASEI	<i>Jeremiah</i> 2 ¹ -2 ²⁸	656	בר-בכח	ידמיה
	3 ¹	658	ג	
	(s) 2 ¹ -2 ²⁸	656	בר-בכח	(ס)
	4 ¹ -4 ³	659	ד-דב	
DEBARIM	<i>Isaiah</i> 1 ¹ -1 ²⁷	581	א-אח	ישעיה
VAETHCHANNAN	<i>Isaiah</i> 40 ¹ -40 ³⁰	623	מ-מח	ישעיה
EKEB	<i>Isaiah</i> 49 ¹ -51 ³	636	מס-מח	ישעיה
REEB	<i>Isaiah</i> 54 ¹ -55 ³	641	נד-נח	ישעיה
SHOPHETIM	<i>Isaiah</i> 51 ¹ -52 ¹²	638	נח-נח	ישעיה
KI THETZE	<i>Isaiah</i> 54 ¹ -54 ¹⁰	641	נד-נד	ישעיה
KI THABO	<i>Isaiah</i> 60 ¹ -60 ²²	646	ס-סח	ישעיה
NITZABIM	<i>Isaiah</i> 61 ¹ -63 ⁹	648	סא-סח	ישעיה
NITZABIM- VAYELECH	<i>Isaiah</i> 61 ¹ -63 ⁹	648	סא-סח	ישעיה
VAYELECH	<i>Isaiah</i> 55 ¹ -56 ⁸	642	נח-נח	ישעיה
	(s) <i>Hosea</i> 14 ² -14 ¹⁰	829	יד-יד	(ס) השע
	<i>Micah</i> 7 ¹ -7 ⁸⁰	853	ח-ח	מיכה
HAZINU*	<i>Sam. II</i> 22 ¹ -22 ⁵¹	477	כב-כב	שמאל ב
VEZOTH HABBERACHA	<i>Joshua</i> 1 ¹ -1 ¹⁸	313	א-אח	יהשע

*When Nitzabim and Vayelech are read together the Haftarah of Hazinu is

כשהפטרות נצבים ויאלך מחוברות מפטירין בהזינו

<i>Hosea</i>	14 ² -14 ¹⁰	829	יד-יד	השע
<i>Joel</i>	2 ¹ -2 ²⁷	831	כס-כס	קאל

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SABBATH ROSH CHODESH			PAGE	שבת ראש חודש		
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	28 ¹⁸ -28 ¹⁸	239	במדבר	כח-כח	מפטיר
Haftaroh	<i>Isaiah</i>	66 ¹ -66 ²⁴	652	ישעיה	סא-סא	הפטרה
SABBATH EREB ROSH CHODESH				שבת ערב ראש חודש		
Haftaroh	<i>Samuel I</i>	20 ¹⁸ -20 ¹⁸	423	שמואל א	כ"ח-כ"ט	הפטרה
FIRST SABBATH HANUCAH				שבת חנוכה ראשונה		
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	7 ¹ -7 ¹⁷	201	במדבר	ז-ז	מפטיר
Haftaroh	<i>Zechariah</i>	2 ¹⁴ -4 ⁷	867	זכריה	ב"ד	הפטרה
SECOND SABBATH HANUCAH				שבת חנוכה שנייה		
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	7 ¹⁸ -8 ⁴	203	במדבר	ז"ח-ח	מפטיר
Haftaroh	<i>Kings I</i>	7 ⁴² -7 ⁴⁰	498	מלכים א	ז"ז-ז"ח	הפטרה
SABBATH PARSHATH SHEKALIM				שבת פרשת שקלים		
Maftir	<i>Exodus</i>	30 ¹¹ -30 ¹⁸	121	שמות	ל"ג-ל"ג	מפטיר
Haftaroh	<i>Kings II</i>	12 ¹ -12 ¹⁷	553	מלכים ב	י"ב-י"ב	הפטרה
	(s)	11 ¹⁷ -12 ¹⁷	553	יחזקאל	י"ב	(ס)
SABBATH PARSHATH ZACHOR				שבת פרשת זכור		
Maftir	<i>Deuter.</i>	25 ¹⁷ -25 ¹⁸	294	דברים	כ"ה-כ"ה	מפטיר
Haftaroh	<i>Samuel I</i>	15 ¹ -15 ¹⁴	412	שמואל א	ט"ז-ט"ז	הפטרה
	(s)	15 ¹ -15 ¹⁴	412	ט"ז-ט"ז	(ס)	(ס)
SABBATH PARSHATH PARAH				שבת פרשת פרה		
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	19 ¹ -19 ¹⁸	224	במדבר	י"ט-י"ט	מפטיר
Haftaroh	<i>Ezekiel</i>	36 ¹⁸ -36 ¹⁸	795	יחזקאל	ל"ז-ל"ז	הפטרה
	(s)	36 ¹⁸ -36 ¹⁸	795	ל"ז-ל"ז	(ס)	(ס)
SABBATH PARSHATH HACHODESH				שבת פרשת החדש		
Maftir	<i>Exodus</i>	12 ¹ -12 ¹⁰	91	שמות	י"ב-י"ב	מפטיר
Haftaroh	<i>Ezekiel</i>	45 ¹⁴ -46 ¹⁴	812	יחזקאל	מ"ה-מ"ה	הפטרה
	(s)	45 ¹⁴ -46 ¹⁸	812	מ"ה-מ"ה	(ס)	(ס)
SABBATH HAGGADOL				שבת הגדול		
Haftaroh	<i>Malachi</i>	3 ¹ -3 ¹⁴	880	מלאכי	ג"ג-ג"ג	הפטרה
FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER				יום ראשון של פסח		
Reading	<i>Exodus</i>	12 ⁸¹ -12 ⁸¹	92	שמות	י"ב-י"ב	קריאה
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	28 ¹⁸ -28 ¹⁸	240	במדבר	כ"ח-כ"ח	מפטיר
Haftaroh	<i>Joshua</i>	3 ¹ -3 ⁷	316	יחזקאל	ג"ג-ג"ג	הפטרה
		5 ¹ -6 ¹	318	ה"ג-ה"ג		
		6 ¹⁷	321	ו"ס		
	(s)	5 ¹ -6 ¹	318	ה"ג-ה"ג	(ס)	(ס)

(s) Refers to the Sephardic Minhag.

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יום שני של פסח

Reading	<i>Leviticus</i>	22 ^m -23 ⁴⁴	176	קריאה	ויקרא	כבט-בט
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	28 ¹⁰ -28 ³⁶	240	ספסיר	במדבר	כחט-כחט
Haftaroh	<i>Kings II</i>	23 ¹ -23 ⁹	573	....	הפטרות	מלכים ב	כחט-כחט
		23 ¹¹ -23 ³⁸	575	....			כחט-כחט

SABBATH CHEQ HAMOED PASSOVER

שבת חוה"מ של פסח

Reading	<i>Exodus</i>	33 ¹² -34 ²⁶	126	....	קריאה	שמות	לכח-לכח
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	28 ¹⁰ -28 ³⁶	240	....	ספסיר	במדבר	כחט-כחט
Haftaroh	<i>Ezekiel</i>	36 ⁷ -37 ¹⁷	796	....	הפטרות	יחזקאל	לוח-לוח
	(s)	37 ¹ -37 ¹⁴	796	....		(ס)	לוח-לוח

SEVENTH DAY OF PASSOVER

יום שביעי של פסח

Reading	<i>Exodus</i>	13 ¹⁷ -15 ²⁶	95	....	קריאה	שמות	יד-שמי
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	28 ¹⁰ -28 ³⁶	240	....	ספסיר	במדבר	כחט-כחט
Haftaroh	<i>Samuel II</i>	22 ¹ -22 ³¹	477	....	הפטרות	שמואל ב	כחט-כחט

LAST DAY OF PASSOVER

יום אחרון של פסח

Reading	<i>Deuter.</i>	15 ¹² -16 ¹⁷	280	....	קריאה	דברים	סחט-סחט
Reading (Sabbath)		14 ¹² -16 ¹⁷	278	....	קריאה (שבת)	יד-סחט	סחט-סחט
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	28 ¹⁰ -28 ³⁶	240	....	ספסיר	במדבר	כחט-כחט
Haftaroh	<i>Isaiah</i>	10 ¹² -12 ⁸	593	....	הפטרות	ישעיה	לחט-לחט

FIRST DAY OF PENTECOST

יום ראשון של שבועות

Reading	<i>Exodus</i>	19 ¹ -20 ²³	103	....	קריאה	שמות	יט-כט
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	28 ¹⁰ -28 ³¹	240	....	ספסיר	במדבר	כחט-כחט
Haftaroh	<i>Ezekiel</i>	1 ¹ -1 ²³	741	....	הפטרות	יחזקאל	אחט-אחט
		3 ¹²	744	....			כחט-כחט

SECOND DAY OF PENTECOST

יום שני של שבועות

Reading	<i>Deuter.</i>	15 ¹² -16 ¹⁷	280	....	קריאה	דברים	סחט-סחט
Reading (Sabbath)		14 ¹² -16 ¹⁷	278	....	קריאה (שבת)	יד-סחט	סחט-סחט
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	28 ¹⁰ -28 ³¹	240	....	ספסיר	במדבר	כחט-כחט
Haftaroh	<i>Habakkuk</i>	3 ¹ -3 ¹⁹	858	....	הפטרות	חבקוק	חט-חט
	(s)	2 ³⁰ -3 ¹⁹	858	....		(ס)	כחט-כחט

FIRST DAY OF NEW YEAR

יום ראשון של ראש השנה

Reading	<i>Genesis</i>	21 ¹ -21 ³⁴	25	....	קריאה	בראשית	כחט-כחט
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	29 ¹ -29 ⁴	241	ספסיר	במדבר	כחט-כחט
Haftaroh	<i>Samuel I</i>	1 ¹ -2 ¹⁰	391	הפטרות	שמואל א	אחט-אחט

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SECOND DAY OF NEW YEAR			PAGE	יום שני של ראש השנה	
Reading	<i>Genesis</i>	22 ¹ -22 ¹⁴	26	בראשית	קריאה
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	29 ¹ -29 ⁹	240	במדבר	מפטיר
Haftarah	<i>Jeremiah</i>	31 ¹ -31 ¹⁰	700	ירמיה	הפטרה
SABBATH SHEBUAH				שבת שובה	
Haftarah	<i>Hosea</i>	14 ¹ -14 ¹⁰	829	הושע	הפטרה
	<i>Micah</i>	7 ¹ -7 ¹⁰	853	מיקה	
	<i>Joel</i>	2 ¹ -2 ²⁷	831	יואל	
DAY OF ATONEMENT—SHACHRITH				יום כפור לשחרית	
Reading	<i>Leviticus</i>	16 ¹ -16 ³⁴	165	ויקרא	קריאה
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	29 ¹ -29 ¹¹	241	במדבר	מפטיר
Haftarah	<i>Isaiah</i>	57 ¹ -58 ¹⁴	644	ישעיה	הפטרה
DAY OF ATONEMENT—MINCHAN				יום כפור למנחה	
Reading	<i>Leviticus</i>	18 ¹ -18 ³⁰	169	ויקרא	קריאה
Haftarah	<i>Jonah</i>	1 ¹ -4 ¹¹	844	יונה	הפטרה
FIRST DAY OF TABERNACLES				יום ראשון של סוכות	
Reading	<i>Leviticus</i>	22 ³² -23 ¹⁴	176	ויקרא	קריאה
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	29 ¹² -29 ¹⁶	241	במדבר	מפטיר
Haftarah	<i>Zechariah</i>	14 ¹ -14 ²¹	876	זכריה	הפטרה
SECOND DAY OF TABERNACLES				יום שני של סוכות	
Reading	<i>Leviticus</i>	22 ³² -23 ¹⁴	176	ויקרא	קריאה
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	29 ¹² -29 ¹⁶	241	במדבר	מפטיר
Haftarah	<i>Kings I</i>	8 ¹ -8 ²¹	499	מלכים א	הפטרה
SABBATH CHOL HAMOED TABERNACLES				שבת חול המועד של סוכות	
Reading	<i>Exodus</i>	33 ¹² -34 ²⁰	126	שמות	קריאה
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	29	241	במדבר	מפטיר
Haftarah	<i>Ezekiel</i>	38 ¹² -39 ¹⁶	799	יחזקאל	הפטרה
SEEMINI AZERETH				שמיני עצרת	
Reading	<i>Deuter.</i>	14 ²² -16 ¹⁷	278	דברים	קריאה
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	29 ¹² -30 ¹	242	במדבר	מפטיר
Haftarah	<i>Kings I</i>	8 ¹⁴ -8 ²⁴	502	מלכים א	הפטרה
SIMCHATH TORAH				שמחת תורה	
Reading	<i>Deuter.</i>	33 ¹ -34 ¹²	308	דברים	קריאה
	<i>Genesis</i>	1 ¹ -2 ¹	1	בראשית	
Maftir	<i>Numbers</i>	29 ¹² -30 ¹	242	במדבר	מפטיר
Haftarah	<i>Joshua</i>	1 ¹ -1 ¹²	313	יהושע	הפטרה
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Family Records

Genealogy of Husband

Name

Date of birth

Civil

Hebrew

Place of birth

Name of father

Name of mother

Brothers and sisters

Genealogy of Wife

Name

Date of birth

Civil

Hebrew

Place of birth

Name of father

Name of mother

Brothers and sisters

Children

Name

Civil

Date of birth

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Marriages

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